

Central Chilterns Community Forum: Agenda

Subject:	Community Forum
Date and time:	Tuesday 27th November, Start 19:00
Location:	Little Kingshill Village Hall, Windsor Lane, HP16 0DZ
Invitees:	See http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Forums/Attendees.pdf for names (where recorded) & abbreviations

1. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction to the third community forum meeting and an outline of the agenda.

2. Meeting note and actions

Agree minutes of R1 & R2 meetings and review of actions.

Round 1 minutes were agreed & (sent to) HS2 website

25 Sep - problems .. 2 week turnaround time not met by HS2, their final response to alterations were received a few days before the meeting. Disagreement remained over the Noise report & one other item. Following some vigorous discussion, this was left to be resolved by **SH** & **CB**, as usual.

(Final ? version here -

http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Forum8a/M2_1209/Minutes_Final.pdf)

There was considerable disquiet about the time taken to resolve the minutes issues, which is a recurring problem

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'Matters Arising etc

MF - Re WEBTAG procedure - Noise annoyance; (document) states further research is needed (http://www.dft.gov.uk/webtag/documents/expert/pdf/U3_3_2noise-120807.pdf para 1.4.7)

AoNB status - what protection measures have been adopted ? See action pt 20

(See also – letter to Alison Munro –

http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Forum8a/HS2_AlisonMunro.pdf)

WT - requested that noise levels be unaltered from baseline noise, after construction

3. Submitted documents requiring a response

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Response from HS2 Ltd on documents submitted post R1 meeting:

- Design Issues (**MF**)
("Chiltern design issues" document -
http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Forum8a/M1_1207/DesignIssues.pdf)
Response received after 4 months ! Too long - limits turnaround before Hybrid Bill stage, and doesnt answer all questions
- Planting

"Extensive" planting offered..(**SW**) A written response was requested.. **CCB** to arrange meeting

- **Rights of Way (SJ)**

This was raised at the July meeting as a key concern for visitors, with potentially devastating impact. How best to ameliorate the situation? Also a serious economic concern, disruption will deter walkers from visiting the AoNB most easily accessible to London

No response **NC** -

RoW workshop to be held (?) <<HS2 action

- **Mitigation document –**

(<http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/Resources/Forum8a/Central%20%20Chilterns%20Mitigation%20requirements%20v1.pdf>)

76 Qs - when is a response expected ?? (**SH**)

(**PC**) Was Chesham Old town included ?

Any date ?? "No" – **MW** wait & see how scheme develops

SH - we requested specific actions..

4. **Bilateral meetings**

Reports of bilateral meeting:

- Tunnel (**BU**)

HS2 (Arup ?) will examine both (CRAG & current route) proposals, on a common cost basis .

No record of meeting provided by HS2 as yet. When is it expected ? This week (**NC**)

- Great Missenden - **SB**

Additional Noise Monitoring sites will be included

- Pan Chilterns (by **CB**)

A waste of time ?? [Not in forums view; although view was expressed that the CFs themselves are a waste of time]

- Business survey.. (**SB**) appears to have a very limited circulation. Should survey all businesses ?

It is "imperative that we protect our communities from being blighted by inappropriate or ugly developments and to preserve important and nationally significant historic buildings and landscapes – which are a vital part of our tourism industry." (paragraph 6.5) <http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Government2 Tourism Policy 2011.pdf>

A Bilateral on the economy & tourism was requested (**SR**) << HS2 action

- Communications - public access is dire.. No access to land. No prior info re construction etc.. ??

Potter Row - resident learnt by chance of construction on (his / adjacent ?) property at a meeting; would expect written notification by HS2 as a courtesy,

MW - This information was released early to facilitate consultation; otherwise it would have been delayed to the Environmental statement.. (*Implication being that early release was a bad move & in some way a forum responsibility ??*)

5. HS2 Ltd Work in Progress

Engineering and Environmental update & scheme development and discussion with forum

See http://www.hs2amersham.org.uk/home/ix_forum_docs.htm for links to the maps & documents presented (under Roads heading)

Comments, clarifications –

- The ‘porus portal’ is constructed *outside* the tunnel (to reduce ‘boom’ effects)
- The construction road from Hyde Heath Rd to the Tunnel portal would be retained, as an emergency access road
- The footpaths entry for Sibleys Coppice (046+700) was considered inadequate, given the number of (well used) paths within the wood.

6. Engineering & design concerns

Discussion of HS2 Ltd’s engineering report.

All

Maintenance loop (parking for Track maintenance train) – requires 800m of siding; will be N of Nash Lee

7. Property Compensation Consultation

Introduction of key questions relating to the Property Compensation Consultation

Offline response to questions requested (expected when ??); **SR** will send list of Questions to **CB**

8. AOB

Items for the next agenda; Location and date of next meeting

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Round Robin

- Can we have information about other structures - eg Telecoms
- Why is Mantles Wood tunnel exit halfway up the hill ?
- Whats happening about Pylons ? (Consulting National Grid ...)
- Can you Lower the Track bed through the AoNB
- Stan Mason – HS2 stated that the ask of the Environment Manager was to achieve the *best environmental outcome*. At his request **CG** wrote to **SoS** asking him to confirm that a tunnel was the best outcome. Replies from **SoS** & Alison Munro attempt to deny this .
- **SJ** – (et al) Plans show AoNB received no special consideration
- **PC** - how long will it take to fill in ‘no data’ items.. (in Engineering update)
- EIA should contain more than one option.. (so other options may be considered at the Hybrid Bill stage)
- **MJ** made Fol request regarding Jan2012 AoNB budget reduction & countryside protection policy - no record was made of the meeting !

MW - are these meetings Useful ? HS2 are not obliged to hold them

Next meetings - 26Feb, 23April