


HS2 local area meeting

Preparing for the Select Committee


The Colne Valley, The Chalfonts and Amersham

December 2014


Purpose

- Update on latest news
 - Tailoring evidence to your issues
 - Preparing and presenting your evidence
 - Co-ordinating petitioners
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Where we are now

- Timetable until 5th January released
 - Suggestion that site visit to Bucks will not be 'until after next spring'
 - Petitioners are not heard until after the site visit
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Update on progress to date

- Transport modelling
 - Chilterns tunnel
 - Ecology
 - Landscape
 - Select Committee visit
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Transport modelling

- Currently undertaking transport modelling
 - Will allow us to better understand impacts
 - Will discuss output with HS2 Ltd
 - Will use results to inform petitioning points
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Chilterns tunnel update

- Further work being carried out
 - Chilterns District Council have been working with County, Districts
 - Chilterns District Council will launch the updated proposal and discuss this with HS2 Ltd
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Ecology

- HS2 Ltd undertaking more surveying
- Will release a ES *addendum*, expected in Jan
- Not yet clear on the consultation process


Landscape

- Currently commissioned a Buckinghamshire strategic landscape report
 - Will 'set the scene'
 - Considers landscapes characteristics across the county
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Select Committee visit to Buckinghamshire

- Draft itinerary now shared with communities
 - Received feedback on this
 - Building on the work already carried out
 - Building case for a three day visit
 - Contacted MPs
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Select Committee experience

- Not an intimidating experience
 - SC are respectful towards petitioners
 - Chairman has encouraged short appearances
 - Avoid technical data
 - Avoid repetition where possible
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Buckinghamshire County Council

Main entrance

Public entrance

Front of room

The Clerk
(Neil
Caulfield)

Robert
Syms
(chairman)

Select
Committee
members

Select Committee
members

Petitioners
witness

Select Committee
members

Petitioners
agent/
petitioner

Counsel for
HS2

Audience

