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Buckinghamshire Councils' HS2 Summit

Select Committee visit to Buckinghamshire

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Buckinghamshire County Council**

8th October 2014



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Previous HS2 Select Committee visits...

- Before petitions are heard, the HS2 Select Committee visits the affected area
- Coach with representatives from HS2 Ltd, petitioners, and MPs

Previous visits:

- Birmingham and Solihull
- Lichfield to Birmingham
- Warwickshire (yesterday)
- Oxfordshire (this morning)



Visiting threatened wildlife in Staffordshire (16-09-14)

Source: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust <http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/news/2014/09/18/hs2-select-committee-visit-threatened-wildlife-areas-staffordshire>

- The site visits are usually organised by the Promoter (HS2 Ltd)
- Different formats and degrees of organisation

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Influencing where the Select Committee visit...

- Drafting an itinerary
- We are proposing **three** days of visits – however this may not be agreed
- Unsure exactly when the Select Committee will visit Buckinghamshire
- Likely to be during the **winter** (possibly January/February) - short days
- Currently **drafting** itinerary from feedback at workshops and some partners
- This will be circulated for comments
- Please note, it is **unlikely** that the Select Committee can visit every community affected in the time allocated to us, however Council representatives will aim to provide additional **commentary** during the visit

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How to get the most out of the visit...

- **Organised and helpful**
- Clear, **concise** and useful info
- **Buckinghamshire at it's best**
– the people and the environment
- Visualise the route
- **Respectful commentary about mitigation**



HS2 made an unscheduled stop to see residents of Bodymoor Heath (16-09-14) Source: STOP HS2
<http://stophs2.org/news/12121-grand-day-hs2-committee>

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What action groups and individuals can do...

- Send us your thoughts on the **draft itinerary** (to be circulated Oct/Nov)
- Think about appropriate ways to **show local concerns**
- **Work together** with the Councils to put on an organised and professional visit
- Organise and nominate **one local representative** per group/area
- Remember – it may be tempting to discuss the principle, however for the Select Committee audience **focus on mitigation**
- We must leave a **good impression** with the Select Committee

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Summary – aims for a successful Select Committee visit

- Fair representation of Buckinghamshire
- Avoid information overload
- Show respect to the Select Committee and the Parliamentary process
- Helpfully illustrate and visualise where the scheme will be located
- Non-party political
- Respectful lobbying for appropriate and justified mitigation
- Co-ordinated and well-organised visit

- One final slide on the Community and Environment Fund....

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HS2 Community and Environment Fund

- 51m wrote to the Prime Minister end August requesting a fund
- Separate fund from formal compensation and mitigation
- Lessen the burden of hosting national infrastructure
- Community led and locally controlled
- A workshop being hosted by Department for Transport end October
- A million per km? approx. £230m for Phase 1?



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**Community Support
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South Bucks
District Council



CHILTERN
District Council

Supporting our communities...



30 Parishes
14 County Councillors
25 District Councillors



656 recipients



130 attendees (Mar)
160 attendees (Sep)
130 attendees (Oct)



HS2 Stakeholder Summit
Hybrid Bill Petitioning and the Next Steps
 Tuesday 5 November 2013

200 attendees (2013)



39 (over 12 months)



1. Petitioning
2. Select Committee

Listening to your feedback...

"Need more info to be available on highways!"



www.buckscc.gov.uk/HS2

"We need to have noise covered"

"More public encouragement to attend future sessions"

"Would have been helpful to have been told more before the meeting about what to expect - could prepare"

"Further discussions needed"

Help us to help you...



- Patience, ideas and feedback
- Local intelligence – photographs, experience
- Fair local representation
- Buckinghamshire Compensation and Mitigation Panel (BCMP)
- Swift information sharing and decision-making – undertakings & assurances
- Utilise more effectively local Members, local area forums and existing networks
- Dissemination of information

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Support over the coming months...

- Buckinghamshire Blueprint Version 2.2
- Local Workshops November and January
- Select Committee FAQs – updated
- Select Committee Visit Planning
- Visit the Select Committee
- Drop-In Sessions with BCC HS2 Project Team

...plus regularly updated website content, fortnightly email updates, a dedicated mailbox for queries and presentations at Local Area Forums

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Summary...

1. Online support
2. Local representatives - BCMP
3. Workshops – November and January
4. Clearer communication of progress...
5. Select Committee: organised and prepared
6. Increase awareness of HS2

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