Central Chilterns Forum – Meeting 1 11Jul2012, Gt Missenden

### 1st Draft 12Jul2012 jec

### Introductions

For HS2 - Martin Wells, Simon White ( Environment ) Simon ?? ( Engineer )

Charlotte B, Iona ?? ( stakeholder assistant )

The forum adopted the community agenda ( by show of hands )

No review of the Wendover minutes - not relevant since this is a new forum

Central Chilterns context – presented by Steve Rodrick

Overall Mitigation requirement – by Michael Jepson

* + ( We are Opposed to HS2 … )
  + AoNB requires mitigation to highest international standards, to protect the environment
  + The best solution would be a bored tunnel throughout
  + £250-300m was cut from AoNB budget after the consultation ( January route change ) - this should be reinstated

Accepted by MW - will form an Appendix to the meeting notes ( >> HS2 )

( Is this consistent with Terms of Reference ?? ( Charlotte )

Question from HS2 ( Simon ??) Why are January proposals worse ( see below.. )

### Terms of Reference

( see draft document ) - Secretary of State wants these Forums to work .. proposed TofR are for all forum meetings

**MW** Forum membership is not an issue, all can join   
 ( *not clear if this applies to all forums, or just this one – jec )*

Problems – imposes obligations on HS2 - e.g. ?? in24hrs

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### 5 Scheme Dev

As before ( Wendover )

HS2 to Circulate details (Key points ) of Bilaterals   
 >> HS2 to secure agreement of participants

Community representatives to report back to the main forum

**Tunnel -** could be considered if no additional cost involved ( *HS2 response to question* )

**Govt Tourism** policy Mar 2011

Environmental white paper – recognises that recreation use has a value -

This should be consider as part of project costs

Land ownership is being researched

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**Information (MW**) -It is often suggested that information is not released or not known by HS2 , but information is still being collected - see timeline.

Currently looking at

* broad scope of design
* form of Environmental Assessment

Parliament can alter design at Hybrid Bill stage

Forums are not designers, engineers, surveyors. HS2 want issues to complement design work & help select options. Access to consultants in due course.

Need to consider Implications of changes.

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The meeting requested written presentations be made available before future meetings, which could then comment on them ( to save time )

>> **HS2 action** – circulate reports pre-meeting

Dialog Our experts could conduct bilateral meetings with HS2 engineers

**Engineering report** - survey near complete .. looking at highway realignment planning,& interaction with services ( utilities, power lines etc ) ( Simon)

**Environment report** - Draft EIA scope consultation, 140 responses. Now considering final version of plan. Some field work - noise baseline ( need access ) Rights of Way surveys.

Q( Steve R ) Will results feed in to national database for evaluation ?? ( Y or N ) [ A Government commitment – will it be carried out ?]

Noise baseline – measuring average & max noise levels , to assess subsequent changes (using draft methodology )

Collected according to accepted standards ( *Not sure whose ..* )

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### 6 Community forums - what changes can they make ?

**S? ( Env)**

* + Road realignment ( Quainton )
  + Road widths
  + Landscaping, Bunds

.. but HS2 will stick to January scheme.. Land take implications if any significant variations.

We will " Progress scheme as announced in January " (**MW** )

Mitigation document read, will be presented, after consultation with other forums   
 ->> Simon Hook

### 7 Issue identification

( Simons design issues ) Considered response requested

### Rights of Way

( *Replace this with link to document* )

( Shirley Judges ) - AoNB etc - Cameron letter

* Recreation for outsiders - Chequers - Env white paper, crucial
* Walks, cycle routes, chiltern cycle way > sustainable tourism ..
* economic benefit ( £71/head )
* £800K for Chilterns access hubs ( Amersham, Chesham, Gt Missenden ) from DfT
* ‘Silent & Invisible’ HS2 - applies to walkers etc, & during construction
* Must maintain RoW , at all times..

Send supporting paperwork & draft paper to HS2 >> **SJ**

**Issues register ?** Do we want to maintain a list of concerns, for future discussions ? If so, how..

Simon Hook has a list of questions for HS2.. will send to Charlotte ( >> SH )

No Forum webpage yet ! >> HS2 (CB ) will progress this ;

Sharing of Email addresses – agreed

Draft documents by Email .. final versions, online

(Steve R) Env Impact Assessment methodology / scope Report - when will this be released ??  
 ( HS2 - we don’t know – this was considered unacceptable )

### 8 Identification of questions for HS2

( *replace this with paper by Marylin Fletcher* )

AoNB, RofWay, Viewpoints.. e.g. Escarpment - gravely impacted. So no noise attenuation ( Cf A413 , Shardellos )

Visible & Audible impact – trains faster, noisier than HS1

What mitigation is possible? Assessment of sites

HS2 are identifying these ( viewpoints ) -

Options - Landscaping , planting ( what ).. 'Do what we can '

### Roads issues

( *Lost this bit* )

### AoB

Length of meeting ( too short ? ) & Venues ( too small ), Coffee ??  
 >> HS2 (CB) to change venue

‘Everyone else only gets two hours’ (**MW**); some flexibility conceded

Draft notes –requested in two weeks

Caroline Gowring (?) to chair September meeting