

Notes on Meeting with HS2 Ltd White Hill Centre, Chesham

Present Charlotte Hewes – HS2 – C2 Engagement Manager
Errol Wisby – HS2 – C2 Engineering Manager
John Gladwin
Keith Hoffmeister
Jim Conboy

CH & EW explained the current process

They represent the C2 area from the Tunnel Portal North to Turweston.

Enabling Works

Contractors have been appointed. This is the Fusion consortium, comprising BAM Nuttall, Morgan Sindall and Ferrovial.

The Enabling Works have started with

- Habitat Creation
- Clearing sites, early tree planting
- Highways alterations

EW confirmed that the Great Missenden Junctions are their responsibility.

JG explained that the valley was known to have had Roman Villas approx. every three miles.

CH said that Fusion's archaeologist is Jay Carver - <https://uk.linkedin.com/in/jay-carver-75091327>

Some discussion about the amount of archaeological work at Stoke Mandeville

Power Line alterations – South Heath to be moved June to Oct 2020. Access to be in Feb/Mar 19 for National Grid to prepare.

Habitat Creation – land will first be offered back to the landowner, but with a commitment for management. If refused HS2 will keep and let out maintenance contracts (opportunity for CS?)

Main Contractor

Contract awarded to CEK Consortium comprising Carillion, Eiffage, and Kier

- Nov 17 to Mar 19 = Prepare design and costings
- April 19 – Start
- Nov 19 - Haul roads, roundabouts

Hunts Green Farm

Richard Liberty and tenant farmer seeking to move spoil dump to west of railway, as this is poor quality land, whereas the current proposed site is very good land. Needs Planning Permission. Change supported by HS2 – Bidwells acting for HS2.

EW explained that there were a number of areas where material would be stockpiled. Intention is to move material to stockpiles in areas where needed.

As far as possible, spoil will be moved along the Haul Road by the Trace.

JC raised concerns about 200 trucks per day accessing A413. EW indicated that he had issues with this. Pointed out that it easier to move along the haul road with large earthmovers (60 – 70 MT).

General

JG asked about notification of closures, changes etc re PRowS. CH & EW did not know how and when these would be notified, but agreed to come back with answers.

EW confirmed that the current design was likely to change, and that it was very uncertain about when spoil would be moved, as this was subject to a proposal from CEK. He indicated that we would receive information when it was available.

JG made the point that using the Portal Haul Road for spoil would add significant issues to the Great Missenden roundabouts.

CH confirmed that she will be leaving HS2 on 15 August and joining Fusion as Engagement Manager on 21 August.

Luke Nipen is becoming Engagement Manager for whole of Central Section comprising C1, C2, C3.. New Engagement Managers are being recruited for C1 & C2. In meantime we can liaise with EW and/or Luke Nipen.

HS2 Community Engagement Document

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625971/hs2_community_engagement_framework.pdf