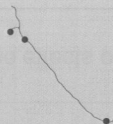




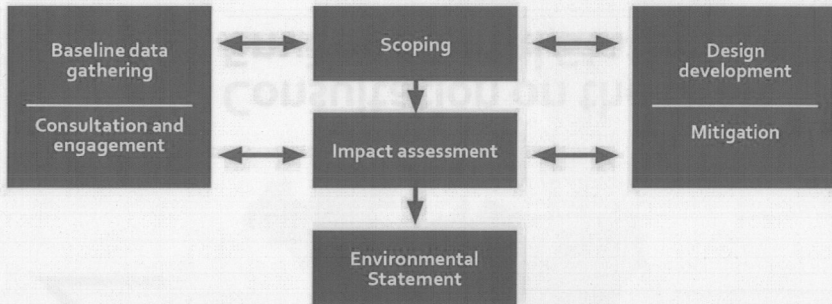
Consultation on the Draft Environmental Statement

Community Forums
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The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process

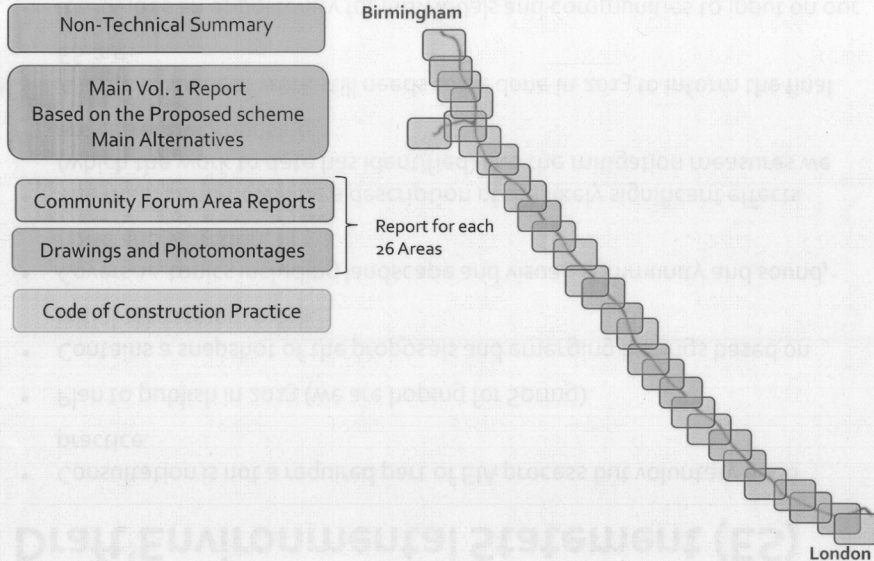
The EIA process is designed to understand in detail the effects of the scheme on the environment along the route:-



Draft Environmental Statement (ES)

- Consultation is not a required part of EIA process but voluntary good practice.
- Plan to publish in 2013 (we are hoping for Spring).
- Contains a snapshot of the proposals and emerging findings based on initial assessment work.
- Covers 14 topics including landscape and visual, community and sound, noise and vibration.
- The main content will be a description of the likely significant effects (which the work to date has identified) and the mitigation measures we are currently proposing.
- A large amount of work still needs to be done in 2013 to inform the final ES but:-
- It provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to input on our findings to date and to discuss mitigation.

Draft Environmental Statement (ES)



Consultation – Spring 2013

- We intend to hold localised engagement events over the consultation period.
- Interactive technology will enable members of the public to assess local impacts.
- A copy of each of the draft ES and draft Code of Construction (CoCP) documents will be available on the internet.
- Further details will be made available as arrangements are confirmed.

Consultation – Spring 2013

We currently intend that:

- Current intention is to include a series of events on the local Draft ES documents.
- Upon launch HS2 Ltd plan to mail out to all properties within 1km of the route in rural and 500 metres in urban; and will write to stakeholder organisations (we are looking to have a wider mail out than used for the Property and Compensation Consultation).
- HS2 Ltd will launch an advertising campaign (both online and in regional press) to raise awareness of consultation events.