

Towards a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)

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Aims

- Brief history
- Outline what is typically included in CoCP
- Describe purpose of document
- Give examples of typical control measures







Brief history

- Draft being prepared by environmental overview consultant (EOC)
- Builds on direct experience from other major programmes – HS1, Crossrail, Thames Gateway, London 2012 etc
- Approach being developed with engagement with statutory bodies and local authorities.





Document programme

- Initial "lessons learned" engagement with local authorities
- First draft document for discussion with local authorities and statutory bodies in September.
- Second draft ("for information") document to be put onto HS2 Ltd website – likely in November
- Final draft to be consulted on with Draft Environmental Statement (Spring 2013)
- Final document to be deposited with hybrid Bill late 2013
- Will be discharged throughout the construction phase

Purpose of document

- Document relates to the route-wide *principles* governing construction
- Contains strategic control measures and the standards that will be implemented as a minimum throughout the project
- Local measures will be applied through a range of local underpinning plans





General requirements of CoCP

- CoCP sets out our required standards for construction
- Underpinned by Local Environment Plans and local authority agreements
- Supports the Environmental Statement
- Implemented through construction contracts



General requirements of CoCP

- To reduce the likelihood of incident or nuisance
- Typical measures include:
 - Considerate Constructor practice
 - Good site management practice
 - Core working hours
 - Noise and air quality controls
 - Pollution incident control measures
 - Small claims procedure
 - Contractor qualifications and experience



Other topics included

The CoCP covers all environmental topics discussed in the Environmental Statement, for example:

- Agriculture & soils
- Air quality
- Cultural heritage
- Ecology
- Landscape, townscape & visual
- Noise & vibration
- Traffic & transport

Keeping communities informed

The CoCP is a key part of community relations during construction, through:

- A stakeholder liaison approach which seeks to include all parts of local communities
- Informing communities in advance of works
- HS2 website to provide up to date information
- 24 hour helpline / email contact





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Example of a CoCP control

Air quality

- Document sets out the high level objective
- Lists measures that can be implemented (where appropriate) to reduce impacts for construction activities:
 - Mechanical plant;
 - Transportation/handling of materials;
 - Demolition/excavation; etc
- Ongoing monitoring and compliance

Summary

- The CoCP covers the key principles of construction at a route wide level
- It will be underpinned by local documents and agreements with local authorities which will set the requirements for specific construction sites and activities.
- The Draft CoCP feeds into the EIA and ES and will be consulted on in Spring 2013

