

# **HS2 MEETING WITH HOPTON AND COTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

## **Present from HS2:**

<b>Omar Deedat</b>	<b>Petition Advisor, Hybrid Bill Delivery</b>
<b>Charles Leprince</b>	<b>Engineering Manager, Hybrid Bill Delivery</b>
<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Community Engagement Manager</b>
<b>Bethany Chamberlain</b>	<b>Environmental Assistant, Hybrid Bill Delivery</b>
<b>Present from HPC:</b>	<b>CLlr Gilbert (Chair) Cllr Brown-Bullivant (Vice-Chair)</b>
	<b>Cllr Bennett Cllr Brindley Cllr Evans Cllr Hilton</b>

## **Details of the Petition process**

- HPC should only petition on AP2 changes
- After the Select Committee has examined the latest round of Petitions (not sent from parishes yet), the House of Lords will become involved
- HPC should send a Petition to The House of Lords commenting on the whole of HS2
- In terms of the Select Committee Petition, HPC should only focus on the things that can be changed
- To gain evidence for the content of the Petition, we should wait for the Environmental Statement to arrive
- HPC's Petition should take the form of outlining the issue and saying what we would like HS2 to consider doing to solve the problem

## **Main changes in AP2**

**(There are no major changes, no large land-takes – only small changes to things like footpaths)**

- The junction between the Sandon Road and Beaconside will be improved with temporary or permanent traffic lights
- The Sandon Road, Beaconside and the Weston Road will be the main routes used for construction traffic, plus the line of the track
- There will be a satellite Works Depot but the main one will be just outside Great Haywood, just off the A51
- The A51 will be used more than originally intended
- There will be no route re-alignment for Hopton and the time has passed to object to the tunnel
- Both the Sandon Road and Beaconside will be re-aligned after discussion with local people

- As regards Brickhouse Farm, the provision that had been made for stock-piling has been moved to the other side of the track
- Footpath 6 which runs between the end of Kings Drive to Beacon Hill is not going to be re-aligned as originally thought
- There will be no change to Footpath 4
- Hopton Lane is going to be disrupted when the construction phase starts
- Mount Edge will be connected to the rest of the village through a footbridge which will be for pedestrians, cycles and horses and this will be located where Footpath 24 is now.
- There are some utility changes because as soon as there is a route re-alignment you have to change the position of the utilities. Western Power, BT and water pipes will be affected. These will be categorised as “minor utility changes” and will be carried out by the utility providers. There is a possibility of upgrading when any changes take place.
- The cuttings required will have an impact on Hopton Lane, Sandon Road and Weston Road
- There will be a temporary cutting until the re-alignment is complete
- Key working hours for construction traffic will be from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (these are counted as Environment Minimum Requirements EMR) but HS2 reserves the right to change these hours)

**Key things that HPC may be able to press for:**

- Mains gas for Hopton residents
- A roundabout between the Sandon Road and Beaconside

**Information which HS2 is going to send to HPC:**

- Working Hours Policy
- Traffic Management Plan
- A Local Environmental Management Plan - for example, how soil which is removed, will be re-used. It is envisaged that top-soil and sub-soil will be put to agricultural use according to the D.E.F.R.A Code of Practice. Both the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England will be consulted about this
- Information about the traffic lights which are envisaged for Beaconside

**Information which is due to arrive in the future:**

- The Deposit of Additional Provisions next year. This will also have an Environmental Statement which will feature things like planting for screening and noise minimisation