

**HS2 EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2021
MS TEAMS**

Present:

Cllr Kay Cutts MBE (Chair)	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr Simon Spencer (Vice Chair)	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Trevor Pendleton	Leicestershire County Council
Cllr Milan Radulovic	Broxtowe Borough Council
Cllr Carol Hart	Erewash Borough Council
Cllr Tricia Gilby	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr Robert Ashman	North West Leicestershire District Council
Cllr Rebecca Langton	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Mick Barker	Derby City Council
Ian Greenway	East Midlands Chamber of Commerce
Jon Bottomley	East Midlands Airport

In Attendance:

Nick Bisson	Department for Transport
Mark Bayley	Department for Transport
Adrian Smith	Nottinghamshire County Council
Christine Durrant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Ruth Hyde	Broxtowe Borough Council
Ann Carruthers	Leicestershire County Council
Joe Battye	Derbyshire County Council
Ken Harrison	Development Corporation
Verna Bayliss	Derby City Council
Jonathon Little	Chesterfield Borough Council
Chris Hobson	East Midlands Chamber of Commerce
Steve Tough	Nottingham City Council
Tom Pooler	HS2 Ltd
Chris Elston	NW Leicestershire District Council
Rob Harding	D2N2
Stuart Young	East Midlands Councils
Andrew Pritchard	East Midlands Councils

Apologies:

Cllr Christopher Poulter	Derby City Council
Elizabeth Fagin CBE	D2N2 LEP
Claire James	East Midlands Airport

		ACTION
1.	Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	Cllr Cutts asked Members to introduce themselves.	
1.2	Apologies noted as above	
2.	Minutes of last meeting of 24th September 2020 & Matters Arising	
2.1	The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
2.2	There were no matters arising not on the agenda.	
3.	NIC Rail (HS2) Rail Needs Assessment & Integrated Rail Plan	
3.1	Andrew Pritchard made a short presentation setting out the background to the NICs Rail Assessment, the challenges presented by the NICs fiscal mandate and the rising costs of HS2 and NPR, and the proposal to use of EM Parkway instead of Toton in the 'regional connectivity' packages. Andrew also highlighted perceived problems with the NICs approach, and the steps taken to date to influence the forthcoming Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) in support of Toton, Chesterfield/Staveley and the full Eastern Leg.	
3.2	Nick Bisson from DfT give a brief update on the development of the IRP and noted that the EMP Parkway option had the potential to deliver faster journey times between Derby/Nottingham and Birmingham/London than the full Eastern Leg as currently proposed, although not the transformational connectivity to Yorkshire and the North East.	
3.3	Cllr Spencer highlighted that the business case for HS2 Ltd is dependant on the whole 'Y' network being built and that partial completion would not represent value for money for the taxpayer. He also emphasised the importance of the IRP providing certainty to communities and businesses impacted by HS2 – both positively and negatively.	
3.4	Cllr Cutts re-iterated strong support for Toton and the full Eastern Leg of HS2 and said that Nottinghamshire County Council would not support HS2 if EM Parkway became the Government's preferred option.	
3.5	Cllr Radulovic highlighted the importance of Toton to the 'levelling up' agenda, and the work that Broxtowe Borough Council had undertaken as the Local Planning Authority to realise the growth potential of HS2 across the Borough.	

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3.6	Cllr Gilby and Cllr Spencer highlighted the joint work to taken forward by Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to realise the growth potential of HS2 in Chesterfield and Staveley, summarised in a new brochure circulated to Board members by Cllr Gilby prior to the meeting.	
3.7	Cllr Langton re-iterated support for Toton and the full Eastern Leg of HS2 but felt that more could be done to present the positive impact of HS2 on people’s life chances.	
3.8	From a business perspective, Chris Hobson also confirmed continued support for Toton. Chesterfield/Staveley and the full Eastern Leg, and highlighted the damaging long-term economic consequences for the East Midlands if the Government presses ahead with the Western Leg to Birmingham and Manchester but not the Eastern Leg to Leeds and the North East.	All
3.9	Cllr Cutts welcomed the Boards continued strong support for Toton, Chesterfield/Staveley and the Eastern Leg of HS2 in full but agreed that more could be done to highlight the positive economic impacts of the investment on people’s quality of life through innovative means such video.	EMC
3.10	The Board agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to make representations to MPs and Ministers in support of Toton, Chesterfield/Staveley and the full Eastern Leg wherever possible, and • ask officers to identify resources for a video or similar to highlight the economic benefits of the Eastern Leg of HS2, including the positive impacts on people’s life chances. 	
4.	Delivery Board Updates	

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4.1	<p>Toton Delivery Board</p> <p>Cllr Kay Cutts MBE updated members on the 8th December 2020 meeting of the Delivery Board which has discussed the initial feedback from the Toton & Chetwynd Masterplan public consultation, progress on the Erewash Environmental Study and the Development Corporation submission.</p>	NCC
4.2	<p>Chesterfield & Staveley Delivery Board</p> <p>Cllr Tricia Gilby updated Members on the work of the Delivery Board as highlighted in the leaflet circulated to Members, the Staveley Town Deal and progress on formalising the Chesterfield Town Centre Masterplan into a statutory planning document.</p>	
4.3	<p>Skills & Supply Chain Delivery Board</p> <p>Ian Greenaway reported that engagement with schools and young people has been scaled back due to the pandemic but that work to ensure that local SMEs were more engaged with HS2's procurement processes was progressing well with support from Leicestershire County Council. Adrian Smith agreed to confirm support from Nottinghamshire County Council.</p>	
4.4	<p>Mitigation Board</p> <p>Cllr Simon Spencer confirmed that future meetings of the Mitigation Board had been put on hold until after the IRP is published, but that the Officer Group had continued to meet.</p>	
5	Any other Business	
5.1	None.	
6.	Date of Next Meeting: To be scheduled	
6.1	Date of next meeting to be set provisionally for a date in late February 2021 – after the Integrated Rail Plan has been published and before local authority election 'purdah' starts.	EMC