Updated Report for TSS Planning Forum Meeting 23rd May 2018

HS2 sub group Meeting 17th April 2018

Present: Janice Ashley, Geoff Snare. Lis Reid. Apologies: Sharon Berry

1. Contact with other groups/parishes

Following the last Forum meeting attempts have been made to establish contact with a named person in HS2 in order to be kept up to date on local issues. The Birmingham helpline were unable to give names or phone numbers of specific people – it was suggested that an email be sent to the events team, which was done without response.

JA rang Councillor Sam Wilson chair of Selston Parish Council and was referred to the Parish Clerk, Lisa Simpson who was very helpful and passed on the name and email address of Victoria Young – their HS2 contact – who had attended an HS2 Event at Selston in January. There is no specific HS2 group in Selston atm but Lisa has kept our contact details and will pass on anything of interest.

Victoria Young was emailed - JA had had no response at the meeting date (but see note below minutes)

A message has been left for and an email sent to the Parish Clerk for Hucknall Parish council but there has been no response to date. It was suggested that we also contact Tibshelf Parish Council – these are to be followed up.

2. National Trust:

JA contacted Keith Challis who is the Project Lead for HS2 (Phase 2) and based at Hardwick Hall.

In his reply Keith said that HS2 plan to publish their draft Environmental Statement (which will include details of the works they propose at Hardwick) towards the end of this year.

This will be a public document, with a formal, albeit brief, consultation opportunity, so he would like to encourage our forum to plan towards submitting a formal response. Keith said he would be happy to chat with us about what this entail.

National Trust have submitted detailed proposals to HS2 about how they would like to see the railway integrated within the Hardwick landscape and continue to talk with HS2 about these proposals but won't know the extent to which they have been adopted (or otherwise) until the draft ES is published.

Keith is happy to keep the forum updated on any significant development regarding HS2 and Hardwick and offered to come along to one of our meetings to say a little about HS2 and Hardwick and answer any questions. The group agreed this could be very useful.

It was suggested that the Forum meeting on 23rd May would be a good date and Keith has verbally agreed to this. We expect this to happen but are still awaiting confirmation from Keith by email.

3. Ideas for Further Action

We need to plan towards submitting a formal response to the Draft Environmental Statement when this is issued later in the year.

It was agreed that we need to make people more aware of the potential disruption and environmental impact that the construction of HS2 will cause in our locality through lorries, road and earthworks even though the trainline itself only touches our area. We will look at how HS2 Phase One is impacting on communities and examine proposals for mitigating this impact.

The date of the **next meeting** was set for 7pm 5th June 2018

UPDATES

19/4/2018

(Victoria Young, HS2 contact from Selston Parish Council had passed my email on to Marcus King, who is the Engagement Manager for Phase 2b Team L3 of HS2 Ltd)

Main points of phone call from Marcus King, Engagement Manager HS2 and email follow-up:

- The area which the TSS Neighbourhood Planning Forum falls into is just north of the Victoria Young's area so is Marcus King's responsibility.
- Steve Lee, Engagement Advisor, Phase 2B/HS2 and Marcus King work in the area together and we now have contact details for both of them.

- Our Forum has been registered as a Stakeholder so HS2 will keep us up to date on local events. It is expected that there will be more HS2 consultation events in our area this summer.
- Marcus also passed on information about the process of HS2 between now and the end of 2019 when the Bill has to go before Parliament. He stressed that the Environmental Statement will be an important document.

22/05/2018

- NT: The National Trust HS2 representative is unable to make the forum meeting on 23rd May and has suggested a meeting in June but so far hasn't replied to our suggestions for alternative dates. Ongoing.
- HS2: The Neighbourhood Planning Forum has had an invitation from HS2 Phase 2B Engagement Advisor, Steve Lee, to attend one of the HS2 events which will be taking place in our area this summer.

The Government confirmed its preferred route for Phase 2b of the High Speed Two (HS2) railway on 17 July 2017 - these events are to demonstrate how the plans and designs for Britain's new high speed railway between the West Midlands and Leeds and Crewe and Manchester are developing.

The events will be attended by HS2 employees and contractors with expertise in a wide range of fields including engineering, environment, and land and property. HS2 are also writing to everyone living within 1km of the route and members of the public are encouraged to attend so they can review the plans and talk to the team about the emerging designs and understand what this means for them. Further information is available on the HS2 website.

We would urge everyone in the Forum, even if not affected personally by HS2, to attend one of these information events ahead of the public consultation later this year. The event closest to us will be at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Clay Cross on Monday 25th June between 2pm and 8pm. A full list showing other venues and dates in our area is attached.