

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee 15 April 2021

Briefing Report: HS2 Update

Background

Following Prosperous Select Committee on 26 February, Members stated that they wished to obtain regular feedback from HS2 Ltd and their contractors as regards both the construction programme and the impact of the scheme on prosperity in Staffordshire, in order to hold HS2 to account in terms of the Environmental Minimum Requirements governing their conduct, and also in terms of the Assurances and Undertakings secured by the County Council during the parliamentary process.

Current Position

The recommendation from the HS2 Project Manager is that a briefing to the Committee take place quarterly, in order to ensure that there is a substantive update, with both HS2 Ltd and lead contractors attending. The briefing will consist of:

- An update on the construction programme for both Phase One and Phase 2a.
- An economic prosperity update for both Phase One and Phase 2a.
- Responses to any specific queries received from Members prior to the meeting.

HS2 Ltd are amenable to this and as stated they have requested that any specific queries be provided to them beforehand so that they can ensure that the correct people are in attendance to answer them.

In the meantime, Members should continue to refer to the HS2 Project Manager as the key contact for any queries. Complaints from Members of the public should be referred to the 24 hour helpdesk:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain/>. General information on works in Staffordshire can be found at <https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/>

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