

Public Rights of Way petition points not resolved through assurances

- a. * The council asked for a temporary connecting bridleway, during construction, on the west side of the M25 between Public Bridleway No 43 Chalfont St Peter and No 44 Chalfont St Peter. We wrote to the Committee in support of the Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company (CVPCIC). *NB. This point continues to be discussed with HS2 by the CVPCIC.*
- b. The original route of Public Footpath 16 Stoke Mandeville is severed by the Stoke Mandeville Bypass. No crossing point has been provided by HS2. HS2 are confirming the arrangements for this, but we will have powers during detailed design to ensure this is raised and recommend a crossing is implemented. *NB. There is a path running roughly parallel which can be amalgamated into one route.*
- c. No track has been created connecting Public Bridleway No 1 Fleet Marston to what will become the old section of the A41 Bicester Road which means that our ambition to create a cycling route between Aylesbury and Waddesdon is not reached. *NB. This is coming forward through the National Cycle route scheme.*
- d. Feedback from local residents in Steeple Claydon suggested the footbridge planned at Public Footpath No 8 Steeple Claydon would be better positioned along Public Footpath No 9 Steeple Claydon. HS2 are discussing this with East West Rail (EWR). *NB. The council are lobbying extensively overall on the issue of the EWR/HS2 integration at Clavert.*
- e. HS2 have proposed a replacement floodplain storage area on the northern side of the infrastructure maintenance depot to be constructed across Public Footpath 8 Steeple Claydon. The council asked for a raised walkway to be constructed across the replacement floodplain storage area. HS2 stated this would not be provided as it was based around a 1 in 100 year flood event. The council's Flood Risk team agreed with that assessment. *NB. Instead the Council focused on creating a new link and improving another current link to ensure access between Calvert and Steeple Claydon is enhanced and available if the route is flooded. This was secured.*
- f. At present the route of Public Footpath 19 Chetwode and Public Footpath 18 Chetwode runs through Manthorne Farm. We petitioned for the route to be diverted away from the farm buildings onto the existing track leading up to the bridge to the former Grand Central Line. We supported the local landowner on this. *NB. This is an existing footpath problem that we hoped could be piggy-backed onto HS2 mitigation as a footpath diversion, but this HS2 were not obliged to do so as it was not required to enable the railway to take place*
- g. The realignment of Public Footpath 18 Twyford lengthens the route. While acknowledging the realignment would allow disabled users to continue using the footpath over the West Street Overbridge, the Council asked for a shortened, stepped route down the embankment for able-bodied users. HS2 rejected the change, arguing this could be brought forward through detailed design. At the time of petitioning we were advised by our Counsel not to take this forward as he agreed this could be dealt with during detailed design. *NB. To be pursued later*

* Elements taken forward by other petitioners, with support from the county council