

Briefing Note on HS2 , Western Rail Access and Heathrow expansion

HS2

Main impacts on Colne Valley and Iver but traffic impacts also on London End in Beaconsfield and A355

Colne Valley

- HS2 will pass over the Colne Valley on a Viaduct
- Main petition concerns were need for international architectural competition
- Noise – Savay Farm, Wyatts Covert, Tilehouse Lane
- Impact on recreational activities – HOAC and Water Ski Club
- Impacts on Colne Valley
- Loss of Ancient Woodland
- Impact on SSSI
- Major construction sites in operation for 10-15 years – tunnel waste - restoration
- Traffic impacts on A412
- New M25 slip roads
- Presented petition to Select Committee in June
- Select Committee asked HS2 to further consider ask for competition – awaiting details (September)
- Assurances offered to SBDC, Bucks CC, TRDC, LBH and CVCIC – currently in discussion with HS2
- HS2 suggested setting up Colne Valley Panel to include all local authorities, Colne Valley regional Park, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Natural England to look at landscape mitigation, compensation and restoration proposals.
- Colne Valley Panel – First Stakeholder meeting on 16th October to discuss terms of reference, funding and independent Chairman.

HOAC

- Within LB Hillingdon but close to SBDC boundary
- Well used by wide community – mainly children
- Hillingdon ask for tunnel under CV refused
- HOAC has now to be relocated
- Denham Quarry in South Bucks is proposed as an alternative–but is an active minerals site owned by Bucks CC
- Long term recreational use including lakes
- Can it be altered/extended to provide new location for HOAC?
- Planning application now being prepared.

Heathrow Express Depot

- Additional Provision for relocation to Langley
- Currently at Old Oak Common
- Needs to be finished by Dec. 2019
- Partly in Slough, partly in South Bucks
- Main issue construction traffic
- 500 HGV's a day – 26 per hour through Iver

- Iver already has issues with HGV's both locally generated and M25 diversion traffic
- Main petition ask is permanent relief road for Iver
- Other concerns - Green Belt, Noise, Lighting, Contamination
- Mansion Lane G&T site one of largest in SE
- 45 house boats on GU canal
- Construction site adjacent
- 24 hour operation but mainly at night
- Important employment site threatened/opportunity?
- Cumulative impacts in Iver
- HS2 currently amending proposal and will submit revisions – primarily the construction routes – in October.
- **May need to petition again.**

Cumulative impacts of Major infrastructure projects in Iver area.

- **Crossrail** – new service to West End and City
- Iver station – new station and car park needed – Crossrail/DfT to fund
- Improvements to Taplow station – parking needs to be sorted.
- Completion by 2019
- **M4 Smart Motorway** – Development Consent Order process -widening between Heathrow and Reading – replacement of all bridges – 2017-2021 –
- Public inquiry in October. Currently preparing the Statement of Common ground and the Local Impact Report
- **Western Rail Access** – new rail service between Slough and Heathrow – 6 minutes – in tunnel from south of railway line and west of Richings Park.
- DCO expected in New Year.
- Currently awaiting review of Network Rail Projects in order to proceed.
- **HEX Depot** needs to be built to accommodate WRA but different consenting process.
- Potentially both will be constructed at the same time.
- **Heathrow** – expansion – 3rd Runway south of M4? Decision by end of 2015
- Relocation of businesses from A4 – demand pressure for new housing and employment in Iver – opportunity?
- Need to assess baseline information on noise and air quality to start negotiations with Heathrow. Report to Healthy Communities PAG.
- Heathrow have asked for MOU with Council to be discussed at meeting in October.