

1. Petitioner information

In the box below, give the name and address of each individual, business or organisation submitting the petition. Please note that addresses here will be provided to the Bill's promoter, but will be redacted in the version of the petition published on the Parliamentary Website.

Cheshire West & Chester Council.

In the box below, give a description of the petitioners. For example, "We are the owners/tenants of the addresses above"; "My company has offices at the address above"; "Our organisation represents the interests of..."; "We are the parish council of...".

General introduction

1. This petition sets out Cheshire West & Cheshire Council's ("**the Council**") comments on, and concerns with, the proposed amendments included in Additional Provision 2 ("**AP2**") as far as they affect its administrative area. It also includes the Council's proposals for addressing its concerns. The Council has previously petitioned against the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill ("**the Bill**") and Additional Provision ("**AP1**"). Since certain of the proposals contained within AP2 affect the Council's administrative area, it is appropriate for the Council to deposit a petition against AP2 also.

2. Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill

In the box below, write your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill and why your property or other interests are **directly and specially affected**. Please number each paragraph.

Only objections outlined in this petition can be presented when giving evidence to the Committee. You will not be entitled to be heard by the Committee on new matters not included in your written petition.

AP2 background

2. This petition focuses on AP2's impacts on the highway network within the Council's administrative area. It also seeks further information regarding AP2's impacts on minerals.
3. The Council is concerned that AP2 will have an adverse impact on Northwich town centre, because of an increase in traffic passing through it. This impact is greater than that caused by the Bill scheme. In addition, there will be a redistribution of traffic through Northwich, Hartford, Rudheath and Wincham. There will also be an increased volume of traffic through Winsford town centre, including a major adverse impact on the Wharton Gyratory (also known as A54 New High Street/A54 Winsford Bypass/A5018 Wharton Road/Weaver Street), where previously there was none.
4. The Council wants the Promoter to minimise these effects to the greatest extent possible and, as explained below, the Council seeks interventions at junctions in Northwich (and elsewhere) to address HS2's impacts.
5. The Council also seeks confirmation from the Promoter that the consideration of active travel, and the minimising of adverse impacts on active travel, will form part of any assessment undertaken by the Promoter.

Temporary mitigation works

Issue:

6. AP2 provides for temporary mitigation works within the Council's administrative area.

Solution:

7. The Council requests that any temporary AP2 highway improvements are designed and constructed as permanent improvements to the highway network to agreed standards. Alternatively, if constructed on a temporary basis, they should be constructed in such a way that following the construction phase of the scheme the Council can either:
 - require the Promoter to remove the improvement and reinstate the highway to the Council's approval, or
 - secure the necessary consents and approvals to enable the permanent retention and adoption of the temporary improvements.

Bill and AP1 Assurances

Issue:

8. The Council and the Promoter are finalising highway junction mitigation assurances arising from the Bill and AP1. The Council seeks clarification whether those assurances fully take account of AP2 traffic flows.

Solution:

9. The Council requests that the Promoter confirms the position in respect of each junction which is subject to an assurance and is affected by AP2.
10. If an assurance does not take account of AP2 traffic flows, in the first instance, the Council requests that the Promoter commits to working with the Council to develop a revised improvement scheme for the relevant junction. The Council further requests that the Promoter provides an assurance that it will deliver each revised scheme in advance of the HS2 construction works commencing and that this will be done at the cost of the Promoter or Nominated Undertaker.

AP2**Issue:**

11. AP2 information shows the following junctions (in Northwich and Winsford) will experience changes resulting in new or different significant effects on delays and congestion to vehicle occupants:

Northwich

- A533 Kingsmead/A533 London Road
- A559 Chester Road/Bradburns Lane/School Lane
- B5153 Beach Road/Bradburns Lane
- B5153 Beach Road/Burrows Hill
- A533 London Road/A5509 Chester Way
- Apple Market Street/Carpark Egress
- A559 Chester Way/Crum Hill
- B5082 Station Road/B5062 Middlewich Road/Manchester Road/Victoria Road
- A559 Chester Way/B5075 New Warrington Road/B5082 Station Road/Leicester Street
- A559 Manchester Road/A559 Hall Lane/Station Road
- A559 Manchester Road/Stubbs Lane
- B5075 Ollershaw Lane/B5075 New Warrington Road/Chapel Street
- A556 Chester Road/A556 Shurlach Road/A559 Manchester Road
- A559 Marston Lane/A559 Hall Lane/B5391 Church Street/Wincham Lane
- A559 Marston Lane/Earles Lane

12. The Council understands that the Promoter is already preparing further information in relation to the following junctions: Apple Market Street/Carpark Egress; B5082 Station Road/B5062 Middlewich Road/Manchester Road/Victoria Road; A559 Manchester Road/Stubbs Lane; and A556 Chester Road/A556 Shurlach Road/A559 Manchester Road.

Winsford

- Clive Lane/Rilshaw Lane
- A54 Middlewich Road/Clive Lane/Road One
- A54 New High Street/A54 Winsford Bypass/A5018 Wharton Road/Weaver Street

- A5018 Wharton Road/A5018 Wharton Park Road/B5355 Wharton Road/Collingtree Avenue
- A533 Bostock Road/A5018 Bostock Road/A533 Davenham Road/Road One

13. The Council understands that the Promoter is already preparing further information in relation to A5018 Wharton Road/A5018 Wharton Park Road/B5355 Wharton Road/Collingtree Avenue junction.

Solution:

14. The Council requests that the Promoter commits to working with the Council to identify reasonably necessary and proportionate interventions that are required to be delivered for the purposes of addressing the impacts of the construction and operation of HS2, relating to traffic congestion at these location during the construction and operation of the HS2 scheme.
15. Where interventions are identified as being reasonably necessary and proportionate the Council further requests that the Promoter, in consultation with the Council, delivers the interventions in advance of the HS2 construction works commencing, at the Promoter's or Nominated Undertaker's cost. Such interventions could involve the promotion of a further additional provision.

Issue: increased construction traffic

16. The revised modelling work undertaken at AP2 indicates an increase of construction traffic passing through both Northwich and Winsford town centres.

Solution:

17. The Council requests that further work is undertaken to minimise, and where possible avoid, such increases. Where not possible, the Council requests further assessments are undertaken to determine the impacts of any increase in traffic on road safety, link capacity, severance and active travel and where such impacts are adverse to develop and implement mitigation.
18. Where interventions are identified as being reasonably necessary and proportionate the Council further requests that the Promoter, in consultation with the Council, delivers the interventions in advance of the HS2 construction works commencing, at the Promoter's or Nominated Undertaker's cost. Such interventions could involve the promotion of a further additional provision.

Increased highway maintenance costs

Issue:

19. The Council is concerned by the prospect of being responsible for meeting the additional costs of highway maintenance arising from increased HS2 construction traffic arising from AP2.

Solution:

20. The Council requests that the Promoter provides an assurance that either it, or the Nominated Undertaker, will meet these costs.

Minerals information

Issue:

21. It is not clear whether any of the AP2 changes will result in changes to the amount of minerals (particularly sand and gravel) required for the scheme.
22. The Council requires the following information –
- whether sand and gravel would be required for AP2, or whether only clay and crushed rock are needed,
 - if sand and gravel are required, whether they are likely to be required from quarries within the Council's administrative area (or within Cheshire East Council's area) and if so, how these quarries have been considered in the work undertaken so far, and
 - what AP2's impacts will be on the severance of Mineral Safeguarding Areas, the severance of haulage routes, and the impact of buffers.
23. Without this information it is difficult for the Council to predict future sand and gravel requirements in the borough, to identify whether sufficient capacity is likely to be provided and to decide whether new allocations, preferred areas, or areas of search for sand and gravel will need to be set out in any update to the Local Plan.
24. The level of information available in relation to minerals requirements is likely to change throughout the development of the scheme, as additional ground investigations are undertaken and further information is available regarding the potential for re-use of excavated material within the scheme and the provision of minerals from the borrow-pits etc. The Council will need to be kept up to date as information is made available, in order to be able to accurately plan for future minerals provision in the borough. This needs to be made available for all north-west authorities so that minerals provision can be considered at a wider scale.

Solution:

25. The Council requests that the Promoter provides the additional information described above as soon as possible. It could, for example, be included in an updated version of the Minerals Technical Note. In addition, the Council requests that the Promoter commits to working with the Council (and other north-west authorities) to minimise impacts on Mineral Safeguarding Areas, for instance by keeping the authorities up to date, as described within paragraph 24.

3. What do you want to be done in response?

In the box below, tell us what you think should be done in response to your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill. You do not have to complete this box if you do not want to.

You can include this information in your response to section 3 'Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill' if you prefer. Please number each paragraph.

Please see the "Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill" section above and the solutions included in it.