

Select Committee Ask

House of Lords

Petitioner No. 037 – Theo Clarke MP – appeared 10th September 2020

James Strachan QC offered to provide further information on the timing of the Local Traffic Management Plans and more information on the Route wide traffic management plan.

A draft Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) for HS2 Phase 2a was published on 17 July 2017 to accompany deposit of the Phase 2a hybrid Bill. This document sets out measures and standards to provide effective management of potential impacts on communities and the environment during construction.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-code-of-construction-practice-for-hs2-phase-2a>

Section 14 in the CoCP covers traffic and transport, including traffic management. Para 14.2.2 explains the role of the route-wide traffic management plan (RTMP) and para 14.2.4 explains the local area measures that could be included in a local traffic management plan (LTMP).

The timing of the preparation of LTMPs is set out within the CoCP which states that “Prior to the commencement of the works, the nominated undertaker will require that local traffic management plans (LTMPs) will be produced in consultation with the highway and traffic authorities, the emergency services and other relevant key stakeholders”. The CoCP then prescribes the scope of LTMPs.

The RTMP for Phase 1 and Phase 2a is already in place and is publicly available through the following weblink:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/851480/HS2-HS2-CL-PLN-000-000002_RTMP_Final_for_issue_Oct_2019_eB_in_new_format.pdf

Para 1.1.9 explains the relationship between RTMP and LTMPs, and the timing of the LTMPs: “This document will be supplemented with a series of Local Traffic Management Plans (LTMPs) along the route prepared by the relevant Principal Contractors. LTMPs will set out the Principal contractors’ “intent” for how the project will be delivered within an area, until replaced by an updated version or by the addition of supplementary information or appendices.”

There would generally be a single LTMP for each highway authority directly affected by a HS2 Bill. The geographic scope of each LTMP would be discussed at the Highways Sub Group to the HS2 Planning Forum.

Given that the county is affected by construction traffic in Phase 1 and Phase 2a, specific attention is given to the LTMPs for Staffordshire in para 3.5.3.1:

“Proposals for the geographical areas that LTMPs cover will be consulted on through the relevant Highways Sub Group to the Planning Forum. This will include discussion on how the Phase One LTMP for Staffordshire will be merged with the later development of the LTMP for Phase 2a.”

The management of highways and traffic during construction is also covered in the following Phase 2a Information Papers:

Information Paper E3: Management of traffic during construction (as reference in the M6 traffic note)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/828980/E3_Management_of_Traffic_During_Construction_v1.2.pdf

Information Paper E4: Highways and traffic during construction – legislative provisions

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779288/E4_Highways_and_traffic_during_construction_-_Legislative_provisions_v1.1.pdf