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Chris & Libby Hough

9 Hoo Green Lane

Petition No: HS2-P2B-026



Introduction



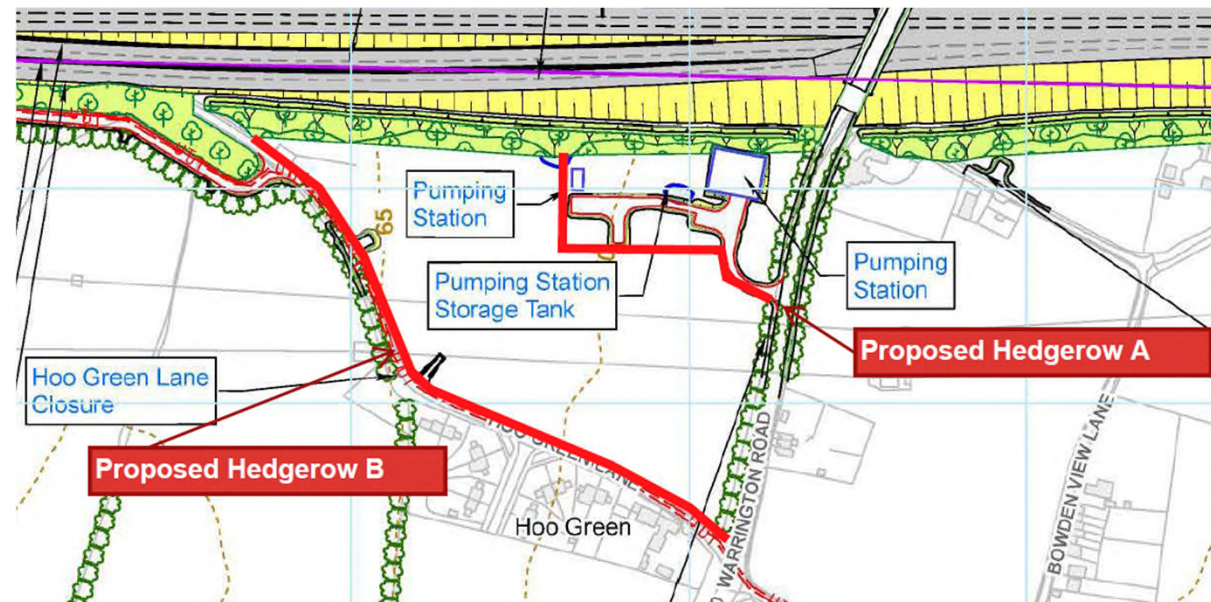
- Everything as presented in the Hoo Green Community presentation AND Gabriella O'Reilly also stands as the response from Chris & Libby Hough
- **Purpose:**
 - Provide some context to the impact
 - A few words and pictures to help you as a committee to understand the stress and anxiety we feel
 - Comment on, gain clarification & understanding on the assurances put forward by HS2

Context

- We have lived in Hoo Green since 2005
- In January 2013 HS2 announced plans to run a new high speed rail line directly in front of our property – the site of the proposed main compound will sit 65m away from our property
- We have already lived with this stress for over 10 years
- In 2033 HS2 becomes operational it will have had a significant negative impact for 20 years
- It has taken away our life choices



Assurance – Hedgerows



1. Subject to the conditions contained in paragraph 3 of this assurance, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to use reasonable endeavours to provide hedgerow planting as part of site restoration works, along the operational boundary of the new pumping station site, in the area shown indicatively marked in red and labelled 'Proposed Hedgerow A' on the plan attached to this assurance.
2. The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to use reasonable endeavours:
 - 2.1 to retain the existing hedgerow planting along the western edge of Hoo Green Lane in the area shown indicatively marked in red and labelled 'Proposed Hedgerow B' on the plan attached to this assurance in good condition during the construction of works authorised by the Bill; and
 - 2.2 where such retention is not reasonably practicable, and subject to the conditions referred to in paragraph 3 of this assurance, to provide replacement hedgerow planting as part of site restoration works, along the western edge of Hoo Green Lane in the area shown indicatively marked in red and labelled 'Proposed Hedgerow B' on the plan attached to this assurance.

- **Hedgerow A – is this simply not missed off the design & guised as an assurance?**
- **Hedgerow B – the construction compound is not close to this hedgerow, surely it can be maintained? Under what circumstances do HS2 see 'retention as not reasonably practicable'?**

Assurances – A50 Compound Access

A50 Warrington Road main compound access

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49. The A50 Warrington Road main compound would initially be accessed from Hoo Green Lane during the setup of the A50 Warrington Road main compound. During this period there would be a maximum of 20 HS2 construction HGV movements per day and a limited number of workforce trips. After that, access to the A50 main compound would be direct from the A50, so would not use Hoo Green Lane.

1. In the implementation of the Proposed Scheme, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to construct an access to the A50 Main Compound off the A50 such that the Compound can be accessed via the A50, as soon as reasonably practicable following the Promoter taking entry onto the land required for the construction of the A50 Main Compound.

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2. Subject to paragraph 3 of this Assurance, and provided that the A50 Main Compound can be accessed from the A50 further to paragraph 1 of this Assurance, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to cease use of the access to that Compound off Hoo Green Lane.

3. **HOO GREEN LANE CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC**

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3.1 The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to restrict HS2 Large Goods Vehicles from using Hoo Green Lane during the Construction Period, save where :-

3.1.1 the use of Hoo Green Lane is required by the nominated undertaker to construct the site specific works;

• 3 'versions' of Assurance?

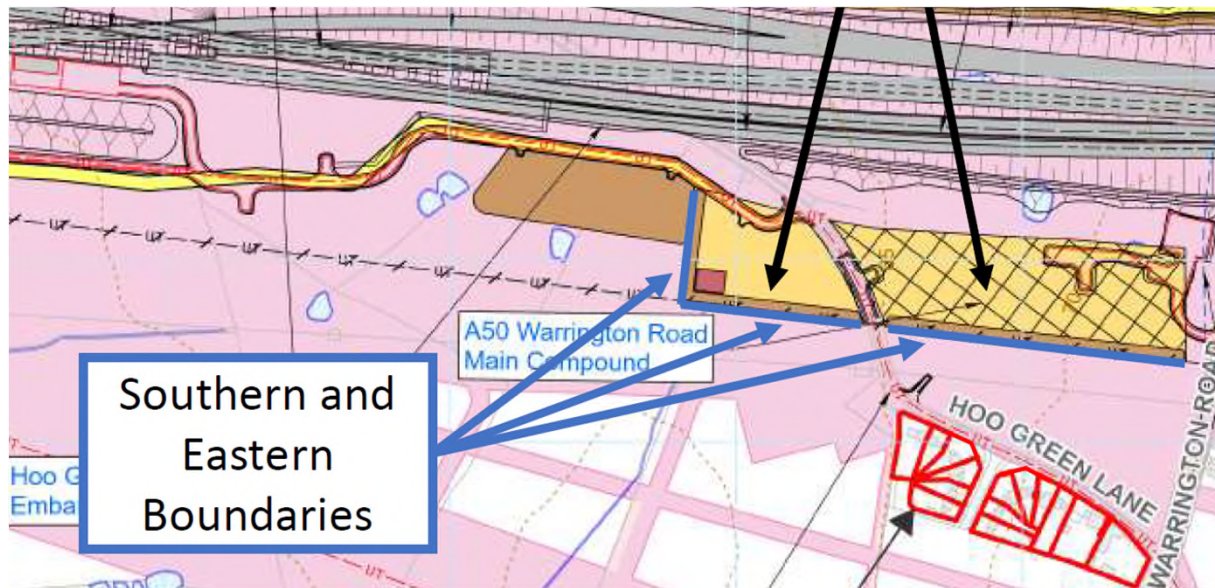
1. **Statement in PRD - May 2023**
2. **Annex B Assurance with PRD – 18th May 2023**
3. **Assurance 3 - 16th June 2023**

• Please can HS2 provide explanation on the 3 versions and reasons for the changes?

• What actually is the assurance being given?

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- 3.1.2 in circumstances where the nominated undertaker is required to use Hoo Green Lane by the relevant local planning authority under powers conferred on it by paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to the Bill; or
- 3.1.3 in the case of emergency or if the nominated undertaker is directed to do so by the police or emergency services.
- 3.2 After the Stop up Date, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to cease use of Hoo Green Lane by HS2 Large Goods Vehicles for construction purposes.

Assurance – Screening Works



- **Annex A Technical Note indicative compound layout screening is by material stockpile; is there now a choice?**
- **What type of screening works has been used that has been approved by the Secretary of state?**
- **Should only be required for height of single storey buildings?**

2. SCREENING WORKS

- 2.1 The Promoter will subject to the conditions in paragraph 2.4 and in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 2.2 and 2.3, require the nominated undertaker to create reasonable and proportionate landscape screening along the southern and eastern boundaries of the A50 Main Compound as indicatively shown by the blue line on the Plan, to mitigate the visual impact on the Properties of the A50 Main Compound ("the Screening Works").
- 2.2 The Screening Works will be subject to approval by the Secretary of State or Cheshire East in accordance with Schedule 17 of the Bill, and shall be maintained throughout the Relevant Construction Period.
- 2.3 The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to engage with the Petitioners in the design of the Screening Works, particularly regarding:
 - 2.3.1 the physical features of the Screenings Works;
 - 2.3.2 the minimum height of the Screening Works; and
 - 2.3.3 ensuring that the Screening Works are fit for purpose
- 2.4 The conditions referred to in paragraph 2.1 and 2.3 are that:-
 - 2.4.1 the Screening Works can be provided within the existing powers of the Bill and within the Act limits without the need for any additional land from that identified on the Deposited Plans;
 - 2.4.2 the provision of the Screening Works will not create any new or different environmental effects than those assessed in the Environmental Statement; and
 - 2.4.3 the provision of the Screening Works will not prejudice the safe, timely and economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme.

Assurance – Height Restriction

1. **HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN A50 MAIN COMPOUND**

- 1.1 In accordance with the requirements of Schedule 17 to the Bill and the COCP, the Construction Camps within the A50 Main Compound will be approved by Cheshire East, and in securing such approval the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to recommend to Cheshire East that the height of the external elevation of the Construction Camps is limited to two storeys.
- 1.2 The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to ensure where reasonably practicable (and without prejudice to the safe, economic and efficient operation of the A50 main Compound), that the external elevation of offices within the A50 Main Compound is limited to two storeys.

- **HGRG firm view is that single height restriction on buildings for construction delivery staff only can be achieved, if the committee instruct HS2 to engage and agree to worker accommodation and satellite support back office is moved to A556**
- **This is complemented by the spreading of load across A50, M6 Viaduct and proposed A556 accommodation and project back-office location**

Assurance – Vehicular & Pedestrian Access



4. The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker, when carrying out the works along or within Hoo Green Lane as part of the Proposed Scheme to maintain vehicular and pedestrian access to the Properties so far as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the requirements of the CoCP and the Information Paper D:10.

- **What is the Assurance that is being given?**
- **That the nominated undertaker will 'so far as reasonably practicable' carry out work in accordance with the CoCP?**
- **The CoCP sets the required standards and control measures to which any nominated undertaker has to conform to?**

Please can HS2 provide a full definition of 'As Far As Reasonably Practicable' as used in all HS2 communications?