



Formal Minutes of the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Select Committee in Session 2022–23

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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Monday 16 January 2023

Members present

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Declaration of interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Election of a Chair

Andrew Percy was called to the Chair.

3. Role and remit of the Committee, and working practices

The Committee discussed this matter.

4. Future programme

The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Appointment of a programme manager

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that David Walker, Parliamentary Clerk at Winckworth Sherwood, be appointed as the Committee's programme manager.

6. Committee visits

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee undertake a tour of the proposed HS2 route from Crewe to Ashley on 6 February.

7. Remote hearings and 'exceptional circumstances'

The Committee discussed this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 30 January at 4.00pm.

Monday 30 January 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Committee forward programme

The Committee discussed this matter.

2. Guidance for petitioners

The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Briefing from the Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd

The Committee was briefed on the proposed programme of petitioners by the promoter of the Bill.

4. Briefing from the Clerk of Legislation and Counsel for Domestic Legislation, House of Commons

The Committee was briefed on aspects of hybrid bill procedure.

5. Briefing from Aecom

The Committee was briefed on the results of the consultations on the Environmental Statements for the Bill by Aecom, the independent assessor appointed under Standing Order 224A.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 31 January at 2.00 pm.

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Committee forward programme

The Committee discussed this matter.

2. Guidance for petitioners

The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Promoter's opening statement and route overview

Timothy Mould KC, Lead Counsel, Department for Transport, delivered the promoter's opening statement.

James Strachan KC, Counsel, Department for Transport and Tim Smart, Phase Two Managing Director, HS2 Ltd, gave an overview of the proposed route of HS2 Phase 2b.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 20 February at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 6 February 2023

The Chair Andrew Percy, Dr Lisa Cameron, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris, Holly Mumby-Croft and Martin Vickers undertook a tour of the proposed HS2 route

between Crewe and Ashley, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 16 January.

Wednesday 8 February 2023

The Chair Andrew Percy, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris and Martin Vickers visited various sites along the HS1 line in Kent.

Monday 20 February 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Note from the promoter on key design and construction issues
Note from the promoter in response to questions from the previous meeting

2. Powers of the Committee

The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Committee visits

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit the SoundLab in Fitzrovia on 28 February.

4. Technical briefing from the promoter's expert witness

The Committee heard the following technical briefing:

Land and Compensation – Michael Eckett, Head of Acquisitions, HS2 Ltd.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 21 February at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Forward programme

The Committee discussed this matter.

2. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Technical briefing from the promoter's expert witnesses

The Committee heard the following technical briefings:

Traffic and Transport – Tim Smart, Managing Director and James Strachan KC,
HS2 Ltd

Tunnelling – Tim Smart, Managing Director and James Strachan KC, HS2 Ltd

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 27 February at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 27 February 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The promoter's expert witness's presentation on land compensation

The promoter's expert witness's presentation on tunnelling, and traffic and transport

The promoter's expert witness's presentation on noise

HS2-006 & AP1-002 petitioner and promoter exhibits

2. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee considered a right to be heard challenge against the following petition:

Mr Jeffrey Wong (HS2-006 & AP1-002)

3. Technical briefing from the promoter's expert witness

The Committee heard the following technical briefing:

Sound, noise and vibration – Rick Methold, noise and acoustics expert.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 6 March at 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 28 February

The Chair Andrew Percy and Martin Vickers visited the Arup Soundlab in Fitzrovia in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 February.

Monday 6 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Tahir Ali
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The promoter's expert witness' presentation on the environment

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Technical briefing from the promoter's expert witness

The Committee heard the following technical briefing:

Environment – Peter Miller, Director of Environment and Town Planning, HS2 Ltd.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 7 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-088 petitioner and promoter exhibits

HS2-123 petitioner and promoter exhibits

HS2-045 petitioner and promoter exhibits

2. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee considered right to be heard challenges against the following petitions:

Angela Rayner MP, Andrew Gwynne MP and Jonathan Reynolds MP (HS2-123)

Graham Stringer MP (HS2-088)

Domestic Doggess (HS2-045)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 13 March at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 13 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Tahir Ali

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that Angela Rayner MP and Andrew Gwynne MP have established a right to be heard.

Resolved, that Graham Stringer MP, Jonathan Reynolds MP and Domestic Doggess have not established a right to be heard.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petition:

Cheshire East Council (HS2-106 & AP1-012)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 20 March at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 20 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Tahir Ali
Dr Lisa Cameron
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-096 petitioner and promoter exhibits

HS2-032 petitioner and promoter exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Manchester on 6 June.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Rickmansworth on 10 May.

3. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Commitments made by HS2 Ltd to previous Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council (HS2-096)

Rudheath Parish Council (HS2-032)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 21 March at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Tahir Ali

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-111 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petition:

Councillor Hazel Faddes (HS2-111)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 27 March at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 27 March 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Tahir Ali
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-014 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-077 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. WISH2 mental health study

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Wincham Parish Council (HS2-014)

Northwich Town Council (HS2-077)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 17 April at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 17 April 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-011 and AP1-015 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Request for remote attendance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Lach Dennis Parish Council (HS2-011 and AP1-015)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 18 April at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-010 and AP1-007 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Guidance for petitioners

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Lostock Gralam Parish Council (HS2-010 and AP1-007)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 24 April at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 24 April 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-072 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-012 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-025 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. WISH2 mental health study

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Brian and Michelle Lewis (HS2-072)

Davenham Parish Council (HS2-012)

Minshull Vernon and District Parish Council (HS2-025)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 25 April at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-013 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-086 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Mr John Wright (HS2-013)
Winterbottom Lane Residents (HS2-086)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 2 May at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 2 May 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-030 & AP1-008 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-008 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

High Legh Parish Council (HS2-030 & AP1-008)
Mere Parish Council (HS2-008)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 9 May at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-085 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Forward programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petition:

National Farmers Union (HS2-085)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 22 May at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 22 May 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from HS2 Ltd on the WISH2 mental health and wellbeing study

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. WISH2 mental health study

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petition:

Jeremy and Elizabeth Platt (HS2-035)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 5 June at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 5 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-125 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-114 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-117 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee's First Special Report

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Ground conditions in Cheshire

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Dr Derek and Mrs Karina Armstrong (HS2-125)

Stanthorne and Wimboldsley Parish Meeting (HS2-114)

HS2 Cheshire Residents Group (HS2-117)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 12 June at 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 6 June

The Chair Andrew Percy, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris and Martin Vickers visited Manchester Piccadilly station in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 March.

Monday 12 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-121 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-128 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-118 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Manchester City Council (HS2-121)
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (HS2-128)
Transport for Greater Manchester (HS2-118)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 13 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 13 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Manchester City Council (HS2-121)

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (HS2-128)

Transport for Greater Manchester (HS2-118)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 19 June at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 19 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-121 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-128 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

HS2-118 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee discussed this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Old Oak Common station on Wednesday 5 July.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Manchester City Council (HS2-121)

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (HS2-128)

Transport for Greater Manchester (HS2-118)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 20 June at 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Manchester City Council (HS2-121)

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (HS2-128)

Transport for Greater Manchester (HS2-118)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 20 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-126 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Lucy Powell MP (HS2-126)
Manchester City Council (HS2-121)
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (HS2-128)
Transport for Greater Manchester (HS2-118)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 26 June at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 26 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-022 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-028 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-026 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-061 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Hoo Green Residents Group (HS2-022)
Gabriella Manning and Jon O'Reilly (HS2-028)
Christopher and Elizabeth Hough (HS2-026)
Pickmere Parish Council (HS2-061)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 27 June at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-005 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-119 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
HS2-015 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Mr David Robert Germain (HS2-005)
Harbour Healthcare (HS2-119)
Sherborne Court Neurological Centre (HS2-015)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 4 July at 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 4 July 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair
Dr Lisa Cameron
Antony Higginbotham
Grahame Morris
Holly Mumby-Croft

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-002 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits
Letter from the Minister of State for Rail and HS2 on Additional Provision 2
deposit

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Second Additional Provision

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

School Lane Residents Group (HS2-007)

Cheshire West and Chester Council (HS2-110 & AP1-016)

Patricia Mather and John Keleher (HS2-002)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 10 July at 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 5 July 2023

The Chair Andrew Percy, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris and Martin Vickers visited Old Oak Common station in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 June.

Monday 10 July 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Dr Lisa Cameron

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-085 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

National Farmers Union (HS2-085)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 11 July at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 11 July 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. First Special Report

Draft Special Report (High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Select Committee: First Special Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read. The draft Special Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Special Report of the Committee, HC 1136.

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 12 September at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 6 September

The Chair Andrew Percy, Grahame Morris and Martin Vickers visited the Colne Valley viaduct construction site.

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Grahame Morris
Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-071 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

Note from the promoter regarding the future capacity of the new high-speed station at Manchester Piccadilly under the Bill scheme

Letter from Cllr Bev Craig regarding the GM Partners' funding proposals for Manchester Piccadilly

Note from the GM Partners regarding comparisons between their proposal for the new high-speed station at Manchester Piccadilly and the new HS2 station at Old Oak Common

Note from the promoter responding to the GM Partners' note regarding comparisons between their proposal for the new high-speed station at Manchester Piccadilly and the new HS2 station at Old Oak Common

Note from HS2 Ltd summarising the statutory compensation available to farmers

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Second Additional Provision

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Government response to Committee's First Special Report

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Petitioner hearings

The Committee considered the following petitions:

Martin and Jude Finney (HS2-071)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 18 September at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 18 September 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Grahame Morris

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

AP2-022 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee's Second Special Report

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee considered a right to be heard challenge against the following petition:

Hale Barns Action Group (AP2-022)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Tuesday 19 September at 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 19 September 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

Martin Vickers

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

HS2-057 petitioner and promoter evidence exhibits

2. Committee visits

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Right to be heard challenges

The Committee considered this matter.

The Committee considered a right to be heard challenge against the following petition:

Free Hale and Hale Barns from HGVs (AP2-057)

Adjournment

Adjourned until Monday 23 October at 4.00 p.m.

Monday 23 October 2023

Members present:

Andrew Percy, in the Chair

Antony Higginbotham

Grahame Morris

Holly Mumby-Croft

1. Update on the future of the Bill and the work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Letter from the Minister of State for Transport regarding the Government's plans for Network North (6 October 2023)

Letter from the Minister of State for Transport regarding the Government's request to adjourn the Committee (23 October 2023)

3. Second Special Report

Draft Special Report (High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Select Committee: Second Special Report) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read. The draft Special Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Special Report of the Committee, HC 1944.

Adjournment

Adjourned until a day to be appointed by the Chair.

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

(i) Members of the Committee

Ali, Tahir

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Until 5 May 2022, Councillor, Birmingham City Council, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB. (Registered 15 April 2020; updated 08 June 2022)

From 25 May 2021 until 5 May 2022, I received an annual allowance of £18,681 for my role as a Councillor. Hours: approx. 75 hrs per month. (Registered 10 June 2021; updated 08 June 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Majlis Ash-Shura (Parliament)

Address of donor: AL-Yamamh Palace, Majlis Ash-Shura, 8006, Al-Hada, Unit: 3, Riyadh 12911 - 4021, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, internal travel and meals, value £11,750

Destination of visit: Mecca, Madinah and Riyadh

Dates of visit: 11-20 February 2023

Purpose of visit: APPG for Hajj and Umrah visit to meet with the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah to discuss challenges specific to British Muslims, and the UK Mission in Riyadh, Ambassador and UK Consul General covering Mecca and Madinah. Plus meetings with the Deputy Minister for Madinah and holy sites stakeholders. (Registered 14 March 2023)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

House in Birmingham: (i). (Registered 08 January 2020)

8. Miscellaneous

Engineer, Royal Mail, St Stephens Street, Aston, Birmingham B6 4AA. On unpaid leave since 13 December 2019. (Registered 08 January 2020; updated 14 April 2020)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Government of Pakistan, Speaker's Office

Address of donor: Constitution Avenue, G5/2 Islamabad, Pakistan

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, internal travel and meals, total value £1,800

Destination of visit: Islamabad Dates of visit: 6-13 May 2023

Purpose of visit: Pakistan 1973 Constitution Golden Jubilee Celebrations. (Registered 05 June 2023)

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

Address of donor: Almirqab Tower, West Bay, Doha, Qatar

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and food for me and a family member, total value £8,972

Destination of visit: Doha, Qatar

Dates of visit: 18-23 September 2023

Purpose of visit: Qatar APPG visit to meet with ministers, the Shura Council, and senior local and international stakeholders in international development for the purpose of sharing knowledge and exploring ways of enhancing UK-Qatar cooperation on global development and aid. (Registered 24 October 2023)

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan

Address of donor: Constitution Ave, G-5/1 G-5, Islamabad, Islamabad Capital Territory, Pakistan

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Hotel accommodation and transport for me and a family member, total value £1,800

Destination of visit: Islamabad, Pakistan and Kashmir

Dates of visit: 23 September - 1 October 2023

Purpose of visit: Visit to Kashmir and NGO's providing humanitarian aid. (Registered 24 October 2023)

Cameron, Dr Lisa

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: UK Abraham Accords Group, Middle East Forum Ltd

Address of donor: New Derwent House, 69-73 Theobalds Rd, London WC1X 8TA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and transport, £1,981.95; accommodation and meals, £1,572.30; total value £3,354.25

Destination of visit: UAE

Dates of visit: 8-14 January 2022

Purpose of visit: To meet with Ministers and officials of the UAE, Israel and Bahrain who are strengthening peace in the Middle East; to work on humanitarian rights, trade, peace building initiatives and disability inclusion. (Registered 03 February 2022)

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Address of donor: Qatar Embassy, 1 South Audley St, London W1K 1NB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, meals and miscellaneous costs, value £3,865

Destination of visit: Qatar Dates of visit: 10-15 February 2022

Purpose of visit: Qatar APPG visit to meet Ministers and officials, discuss Qatar's humanitarian and political response to the Afghanistan crisis, preparations for the

World Cup, worker's rights reform, bilateral relations and investment in the UK. (Registered 14 March 2022)

Name of donor: Swiss Foreign Ministry

Address of donor: Presence Switzerland PRS, Bundesgasse 32, 3003 Bern, Switzerland

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation and hospitality, approx. value £2,300

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Bern, Zurich, Zug) Dates of visit: 10-14 April 2022

Purpose of visit: Participation in a parliamentary study trip with a focus on Swiss-UK relations, finance and trade, science and innovation. (Registered 12 May 2022)

6. Land and property portfolio: (i) value over £100,000 and/or (ii) giving rental income of over £10,000 a year

One residential property in South Lanarkshire: (i), and from 28 November 2019, (ii). (Registered 05 June 2015; updated 14 February 2019 and 28 February 2020)

One residential property in Edinburgh: (i) and, from 19 August 2021, (ii). (Registered 05 June 2015; updated 14 February 2019 and 16 September 2021)

Four residential apartments in South Lanarkshire: (i) and (ii). (Registered 05 June 2015; updated 14 February 2019)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Psychological Services Scotland Ltd, psychology assessment. (Registered 05 June 2015)

8. Miscellaneous

From 24 February 2016, unremunerated director of UK Japan 21C Group. (Registered 28 April 2016)

From 19 September 2017, a trustee/director of the Industry and Parliament Trust. (Registered 19 September 2017)

From 27 August 2019, a member of the Advisory Board of the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute at King's College, London. This role is unremunerated, but the Institute will meet any associated expenses. (Registered 27 August 2019)

From 19 October 2020, Trustee of the Mary Cameron Foundation that works to support projects, groups and charities across Lanarkshire. (Registered 03 December 2020)

From 6 December 2020, Advisory Board member for the World Health Organisation Rapid Assistive Technology Assessment (rATA) designed to gather information about the met and unmet needs for assistive technology. This role is unremunerated. (Registered 07 December 2020)

From 15 January 2021, a member of the Trust Jack Foundation Advisory Board, a charity supporting young people's mental health based in Stonehouse, South Lanarkshire. This role is unremunerated. (Registered 18 January 2021)

From 14 January 2021 until further notice, un-remunerated member of the Advisory Board of the Freedom Declared Foundation, a charity which works internationally to promote freedom of religious belief. (Registered 11 February 2021)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Royal Thai Embassy, London

Address of donor: 29-30 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5JB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,574.31) and accommodation (£627. 38), value £2,201.69

Destination of visit: Thailand

Dates of visit: 15-20 September 2023

Purpose of visit: APPG for Thailand delegation arranged by the Thai and British Embassies. Meetings were held with the Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the Parliament, Thailand/Britain Friendship Group and Thai Chamber of Commerce. (Registered 16 October 2023)

8. Miscellaneous

From 28 January 2020, a Trustee and Director of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (UK Branch). This is an unpaid role. (Registered 04 August 2023)

Higginbotham, Antony

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: The Portcullis Club Address of donor: private Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500 Donor status: unincorporated association (Registered 29 June 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of America

Address of donor: 86 Beach Road, Carlyon Bay, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 3PL

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Hotel accommodation in Washington D.C., approx. value £520

Destination of visit: United States of America

Dates of visit: 26-27 July 2022

Purpose of visit: To speak at a political event. (Registered 17 August 2022)

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd (CFI Ltd)

Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Air travel, accommodation and hospitality with a value of £3,250

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank

Dates of visit: 28 August 2022 - 2 September 2022

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation. (Registered 13 September 2022)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Carlton Club Political Committee

Address of donor: 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: unincorporated association (Registered 16 February 2023)

Name of donor: Andrew Brown Leisure Limited Address of donor: Crow Wood Leisure Centre, Holme Road, Burnley BB12 0RT Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 Donor status: company, registration 03763413 (Registered 06 July 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Gulab Miah

(in support of the SMR mental health project and Zi Foundation)

Address of donor: 18 South Park Drive, Ilford IG3 9AQ Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, in-country transport, meals and accommodation, value £4,510

Destination of visit: Bangladesh

Dates of visit: 16-21 March 2023

Purpose of visit: To understand the political and economic situation in Bangladesh, meet members of parliament and government, visit Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazaar. (Registered 11 April 2023)

Morris, Grahame

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: National Union of Journalists (NUJ)

Address of donor: 72 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the administration and coordination of the NUJ Parliamentary Group of which I am the Co-Chair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd between 23 March 2022 and 23 March 2023, estimated value £17,460

Date received: 23 March 2022 - 23 March 2023

Date accepted: 23 March 2022

Donor status: trade union (Registered 31 March 2022)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Rd, London WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Travel, food and hotel accommodation for two nights to speak and present at Unite Future Leaders course in my capacity as Chair of the Unite the Union Parliamentary Group, value £378.10

Date received: 25-26 February 2022

Date accepted: 25 February 2022

Donor status: trade union (Registered 09 March 2022)

Name of donor: Football League Ltd

Address of donor: EFL House, 10-12 West Cliff, Preston PR1 8HU

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality for the League One Play Off Final at Wembley, estimated total value £700

Date received: 21 May 2022

Date accepted: 21 May 2022

Donor status: company, registration 80612 (Registered 30 May 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 1 February 2020, Trustee (unpaid) of the East Durham Veterans Trust. (Registered 18 January 2022)

From 21 July 2021 until 30 March 2022, Director (unpaid) of the Board of Trustees of Palestine Deep Dive, an online news and education forum. (Registered 18 January 2022; updated 31 March 2022)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: National Union of Journalists (NUJ)

Address of donor: 72 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: the administration and coordination of the NUJ Parliamentary Group of which I am the Co-Chair, provided by Solidarity Consulting Ltd between 24 March 2023 and 23 March 2024, estimated value £17,782

Date received: 24 March 2023 - 23 March 2024

Date accepted: 24 March 2023

Donor status: trade union (Registered 30 March 2023)

Additional declarations relevant to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Select Committee

I am a serving member of the Transport Select Committee.

I am a member of both the APPG for Lower Carbon Construction Vehicles (Honorary Secretary) and the APPG for Road Freight and Logistics (Vice-Chair).

I am a member of a number of rail and transport trade union Parliamentary Groups, including Unite the Union (Chair), RMT (Vice-Chair), ASLEF and TSSA (for which I receive no personal pecuniary benefit).

Mumby-Croft, Holly

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Skydive Hibaldstow

Address of donor: Hibaldstow Airfield, Redbourne Road, Hibaldstow AN20 9NN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One skydive at an event I attended which was used by my husband, value £369

Date received: 6 August 2022

Date accepted: 6 August 2022

Donor status: company, registration 2236528 (Registered 16 August 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd (CFI Ltd)

Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Air travel, accommodation and hospitality with a value of £3,300

Destination of visit: Israel and the West Bank Dates of visit: 28 August - 2 September 2022

Purpose of visit: Fact finding political delegation. (Registered 23 September 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 20 March 2020, a member of the North Lincs Town Board. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 01 April 2020)

From 3 May 2022, Member of the Board of Directors for North Lincolnshire Community Energy (NLCE), which aims to reduce the carbon footprint of schools and community buildings in Scunthorpe. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 15 June 2022)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Carlton Club Political Committee

Address of donor: 69 St James's St, St. James's, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: unincorporated association (Registered 31 January 2023)

Name of donor: Carlton Club Political Committee

Address of donor: 69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,150

Donor status: unincorporated association (Registered 25 August 2023)

Percy, Andrew

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Ipsos Mori, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for completing opinion surveys:

12 January 2022, payment of £225. Hours: 1 hr. Fee donated to local good cause. (Registered 07 February 2022)

13 September 2022, payment of £450 for two surveys. Hours: 2.5 hrs in total. £225 of this fee was donated to charity. (Registered 26 September 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Address of donor: Qatar Embassy, 1 South Audley St, London W1K 1NB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, meals and miscellaneous costs, value £3,865

Destination of visit: Qatar Dates of visit: 10-15 February 2022

Purpose of visit: Qatar APPG visit to meet Ministers and officials, discuss Qatar's response to the Afghanistan crisis, World Cup preparations, worker's rights reform, bilateral relations and regional issues, and visit an Afghan refugee reception centre. (Registered 14 March 2022)

Name of donor: The Antisemitism Policy Trust

Address of donor: BM 5369, London WC1N 3XX

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flight and travel costs (£1,410), accommodation and subsistence (£1350), total value £2,760

Destination of visit: Washington and New York Dates of visit: 7-11 December 2022

Purpose of visit: Delegation of cross-party MPs with the APPG Against Antisemitism for meetings with Members of Congress, Senators, Jewish groups, civil society and officials regarding countering antisemitism. (Registered 21 December 2022)

8. Miscellaneous

From 17 January 2020, member of the Town Fund Board for Goole. This is an unpaid role. (Registered 04 February 2020)

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

1. Employment and earnings

Payments from Ipsos Mori, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for completing opinion surveys:

19 January 2023, payment of £225. Hours: approx. 1 hr. (Registered 25 January 2023)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Klarna

Address of donor: 125 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets for Country to Country at the O2, the second of which was not used, total value £378

Date received: 11-12 March 2023

Date accepted: 11 March 2023

Donor status: company, registration FC035870 (Registered 13 April 2023)

Name of donor: National Football League

Address of donor: 8th Floor, 30 Panton Street, London SW1Y 4AJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: One ticket with hospitality for the Tennessee Titans v Baltimore Ravens American Football Match at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, total value £915

Date received: 15 October 2023

Date accepted: 15 October 2023

Donor status: company, registration 02777555 (Registered 06 November 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Conservative Friends of Israel Ltd (CFI Ltd)

Address of donor: PO Box 72288, London SW1P 9LB

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Air travel, accommodation and hospitality with a value of £3,650

Destination of visit: Israel and the Palestinian Territories (West Bank)

Dates of visit: 12-17 February 2023 397

Purpose of visit: Fact finding visit to meet with Israeli and Palestinian politicians, government officials and civil society. (Registered 24 February 2023)

Vickers, Martin

Declarations of interest (as at 20 March 2023)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Humber Landlords Association

Address of donor: Burnett House, 82/83 Castle Street, Hull HU1 1SH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,528.65 to my election fund

Date received: 4 June 2022 Date accepted: 4 June 2022 Donor status: company, registration 11903096 (Registered 23 June 2022)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Elysium Construction Ltd

Address of donor: 1st Floor, 2-4 Tottenham Road, London N1 4BZ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation with a value of £192.33

Destination of visit: Tirana, Albania Dates of visit: 30 March - 1 April 2022

Purpose of visit: APPG for Albania visit to advance economic and cultural ties through meetings with the President and ministers and to develop a closer working relationships with Albanian parliamentarians. (Registered 26 April 2022)

Name of donor: (1) Lockheed Martin UK Ltd (2) CAE U.K. Plc

Address of donor: (1) Cunard House, 15 Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LR (2) Innovation Drive, Burgess Hill RH15 9TW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Domestic transport and subsistence for me and a member of staff, estimated value £387 (2) Domestic transport and subsistence for me and a member of staff, estimated value £387

Destination of visit: Monte Cassino

Dates of visit: 25-28 July 2022

Purpose of visit: APPG Armed Forces study tour of military cemeteries and battlefields. (Registered 23 August 2022)

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 Strand, London WC2R 1JA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): For me and my wife/member of staff, flights £1,310; accommodation £740; general hospitality £400; total value £2,450

Destination of visit: Gibraltar

Dates of visit: 8-12 September 2022

Purpose of visit: To hear from ministers and others about the latest political and economic developments, and attend National Day celebrations, which were replaced by events to mark the accession of King Charles. (Registered 27 September 2022)

Name of donor: British-Kosovar Chambers of Commerce Ltd

Address of donor: Providence House, Providence Place, London N1 0NT

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£253.16), accommodation (£405) and subsistence (£90) for me and my spouse, total value £748.16

Destination of visit: Kosovo

Dates of visit: 1-4 December 2022 Purpose of visit: Visit to foster stronger business links between the UK and Kosovo. (Registered 20 December 2022)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

I employ my wife, Ann Vickers, as part-time Junior Secretary.

Further declarations of interest (as at 13 November 2023)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Estates UK

Address of donor: 9 Waterside Business Park, Hessle HU13 0EG

Amount of donation, or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,800

Date received: 13 July 2023

Date accepted: 13 July 2023 531

Donor status: company, registration 03514128 (Registered 20 July 2023)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM)

Address of Donor: 23, Boulevard Mohamed Abdou Quartier, Palmiers 20340, Casablanca, Morocco

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, travel and subsistence, value £2,226

Destination of visit: Morocco

Dates of visit: 11-14 April 2023

Purpose of visit: APPG on Morocco visit as part of promoting links and mutual understanding between Britain and Morocco. (Registered 11 May 2023)

Name of donor: Tynwald

Address of donor: Legislative Buildings, Finch Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3PW

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation (£300), subsistence (£220) and transport (£210) for me and my spouse, total value £730

Dates of visit: 4-6 July 2023

Purpose of visit: Visit to Tynwald Day, Isle of Man as guest of Lt. Governor, President of Tynwald and Speaker of the House of Keys. (Registered 08 August 2023)

Name of donor: HM Government of Gibraltar

Address of donor: Gibraltar House, 150 Strand, London WC2R 1JA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): For me and my wife/staff member, flights (£1,302), accommodation for four nights (£800) and general hospitality (£400), total value £2,502

Destination of visit: Gibraltar

Dates of visit: 7-11 September 2023

Purpose of visit: Gibraltar APPG delegation to meet with ministers, business and union leaders and attend the National Day celebrations. (Registered 14 September 2023)

Additional declarations relevant to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill
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I am Chair of the Rail and Rail in the North APPGs, Vice Chair of the East Coast Main Line and Midlands Engine APPGs.