



HS2 Sub-group

Report for Management Committee Meeting 9th January 2019

Group Members: Janice Ashley, Lis Reid, Geoff Snare.

Sharon Berry has had to drop out of the group for personal reasons but we would like to thank Sharon for her support and earlier input.

The last few months have been extremely busy for the HS2 working group following the release of the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement (WDES) in October 2018. The WDES documents were very lengthy and challenging so we held group meetings and online discussions before, during and after the consultation events to clarify points and to enable us to try to formulate a response to the WDES on behalf of the Forum.

The documents were published online from 11th October with reference copies of the Community Area Reports, fact sheets, map books relevant to our Area (LA10) and Response forms available at Holmewood and Bolsover Libraries shortly afterwards. Geoff also posted details of these events and links and documents relating to the WDES on the TSS Neighbourhood Plan website.

Although the main consultation event for area LA10 was not until 17th November at Bolsover we managed to pick up some of the documents at the Chesterfield event on 9th November which enabled us to look at them in more detail as a group. Janice went to the Bolsover event which proved useful for clarifying several points (e.g the noise which a high speed train makes as it comes out of a cut and cover tunnel was likened to a 'sonic boom'!)

Lis attended the Newton event which proved very useful as she was able to talk to Victoria Young, Senior Engagement Advisor for the adjoining district, and had a useful discussion with her about engagement with Ashfield District Council. We felt that the effects that the construction of HS2 will have in our immediate area seem to have been largely been ignored because the line does not actually cut through Nottinghamshire land. Following this, we emailed Victoria with a list of our concerns and also contacted Gloria de Piero's office to try to set up a meeting with her.

Because of Brexit matters, Gloria was unable to meet us but Lis and Geoff had a positive meeting with Gloria's assistant who said they would contact ADC and HS2. (Lis also sent a copy of our response to the WDES to Gloria's office when it was completed)

After intensive effort we put together a detailed, comprehensive response to the Community Area report on behalf of the Forum before the deadline of 22nd December 2018. (If anyone on the Management Committee hasn't received this and would like a copy, please let us know and we will email one)

Recently, Richard Goad has also been in touch with Ashfield District Council on our behalf to put forward our concerns about their lack of consideration of HS2 impacts in the Stanley area. In 2019 we will continue to liaise with the Engagement advisors, Ashfield District Council and our MP to get our points across and try to mitigate impacts of HS2.

Janice Ashley 6th January 2019