



**HS2 Parish Council Briefing with Davenham Parish Council
Tuesday 29th March, 6pm-7pm (via Teams)**

Present: Davenham Parish Council: Cllr Ian Ryder (Chair DPC), Cllr Mark Powell, Cllr Ruth Wood
HS2: Alison Blakeway (Engagement Manager), Kirsty Clarke (Locations),
Nick Makrygiannis (Engineering Consultant), Aida Testu (Observing)

Important: *The following are brief notes and not intended to be a verbatim account of the meeting*

Scope: Phase 2B Western Leg (Crewe to Manchester)
MA02 Report Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam

Out of Scope: Phase 2A (up to Crewe) – already agreed.

Phase 2B Western Leg (Crewe to Manchester)

- The Hybrid Bill was deposited in parliament on 24/01/22.
- Public consultation on the Environmental Statement specifically (not the Hybrid Bill itself) closes at 23:45 on 31/03/22 (this Thursday).
- Timescales for further activity are then determined by parliament rather than HS2.
- A summary will be produced by an independent reviewer in preparation for the Second Reading.

Petitioning Period

- If the Second Reading is agreed, a petitioning period for the whole Bill will then be set. This is required to be open for a minimum of at least 25 days.
- There will be a £20 fee to lodge a petition either in person or online.
- The petitioning period will allow those whose property or interests are directly **and specifically affected**.
- For those who do not fall into the above category, concerns can be petitioned to local MP to take forward as part of their vote.
- Noted that any petitions against must provide rationale as to what could be done instead.

HS2 Route

- The HS2 route impacting Davenham Parish Council boundaries is a cycle of viaducts and embankments as well as an HGV construction route.
- The height of the viaducts are determined by the existing land levels (local geology) with a minimum headroom required.
- Cuttings have been minimised to consider the salt levels in the area which could otherwise lead to ground movements.
- There is a commitment of no net loss regarding areas of wetlands.
- There is a general principle to commence early planting.
- At three different points three communications units will be built alongside the railway (size etc to be confirmed).



River Dane Viaduct Area (approx. 12m long, 29m high)

- Temporary diversion of Whatcroft Hall Lane for approximately 6 months whilst the viaduct is installed with access reinstated thereafter.
- Remaining post build will be a Telecommunications site. Most of the area impacted will be planted up with hedgerow screening. There will also be a wetland area to adhere to the HS2 ecological principles (i.e. to achieve no net loss on any impact).

Trent & Mersey Canal – Gadbrook (approx. 24m long, 30m high)

- This will cut across the southern area of Oakwood Marina (discussions currently ongoing with owner).
- A site has been identified here for stockpiling materials for the duration of the build.
- Higgins Lane Farm will be demolished. Site will go around Pear Tree Hill Cottages.
- Maximum height of 19m over into Morrisons (edge of car park) and just before the A556.
- There are five possible water pipes identified for realignment.
- There will be some wetland planting and grass planting.

Beyond Davenham Parish

- A satellite compound would be sited at Morrisons / A556 Roundabouts where work is being done. Infrastructure will be built and then the railway will be put in.
- Penny's Lane will be diverted back to Morrisons roundabout for the duration.
- A556 will be moved closer (eastwards) towards Cookes Lane.
- There will be some disruption to Davenham Road / King Street and Crowders Lane intention is to use main roads rather than local roads where possible.

Anticipated Timescales

Late 2024	Royal Assent
2025 – 2027	Enabling Works (some planting at HS2 level; unclear for Davenham – pending response)
2027 – 2030	Main Works (peak of construction)
2035 – 2040	Operation (mid 2038 for trains to be operational)

Documentation

- Various documents available with links to be shared.
- Attention drawn specifically to:
 - Community Area Report
 - Code of Construction Practice
 - Volume 2 Report (sections 2.2 & 2.3 provide a detailed scheme description / design element)

Alternatives Report – details alternative routes (~64) which were subsequently narrowed down to proposed Phase 2B route outlined.

Communication

1. There will be a number of summer events to be held via HS2 which the public will be invited to attend.
2. Northwich and Middlewich libraries have copies of the plans available for the public to view.
3. HS2 team welcome queries direct to them as the subject matter experts.
 - a. Freephone: 08081 434 434
 - b. HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
4. A copy of the presentation given to DPC will be provided for internal use only.
5. All future communication will continue to be sent via clerk or Cllr Mark Powell (HS2 Subcommittee Lead).

Confirmed DPC approach is commensurate with other local councils (i.e. signposting of information).