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SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HS2 Implementation Advisory Group

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(a) You must complete a declaration of your disclosable pecuniary interests, including those of your spouse/civil partner (or someone with whom you are living as such) and send it to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of your election or appointment to the Council.

(b) When you attend a meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Board, Committee, Sub-Committee or Joint Committee etc, and a matter arises in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, unless you have been granted a dispensation, **you must:**

- Declare the interest if you have not already registered it
- Not participate in any discussion or vote
- Leave the meeting room until the matter has been dealt with
- Give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting

(c) If you are the Leader or a Cabinet Portfolio Holder you may not exercise any of your delegated powers as a single member in relation to a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or take any other step except to give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of your becoming aware of the interest, or arrange for another person or body to deal with the matter.

Disclosable Interest	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within 12 months of your declaration of interests in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.
Contracts	Any contract between you or your partner (or a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the Council and which gives you or your partner a right to occupy the land or receive income.
Licences	Any licence held by you or your partner (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest i.e. a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest held by you or your partner in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class. “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

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HS2 IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP - Monday 1 March 2021

AGENDA

Mayor/Chairman of the meeting to announce:

'May I remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live via the internet.'

7. PROGRAMME UPDATE FROM HS2 LTD (Pages 5 - 6)

To receive a programme update from HS2 Ltd.

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Monday 1 March 2021

We thank stakeholders for their feedback about the temporary Greenway. We appreciate the time and effort people have taken to share your thoughts, concerns and local knowledge.

LM and HS2 have been working on a number of fronts to finalise the Greenway diversion between Burton Green and Berkswell, including:

- **Construction** – We're still building final sections of the path, and it's not yet finished. Several issues observed on the ground, including in relation to surfacing and drainage, have been resolved or are being resolved between now and when we expect to finish construction in mid-March.
- **Consents/permits** – We're working with Warwick District Council and Solihull Council to finalise the Schedule 17 'Bringing into Use' for the path. We've held several meetings with council officers and provided all of the requested documentation, including as much information and data as we're able to at this stage. We recognise this is the first time the Schedule 17 process has been triggered for HS2 in this area, and it will take time to finalise.

LM needed to start the Schedule 17 process in November 2020 in order to open the path as soon as possible, given the existing Greenway is now closed and BBV will soon start their work in the area.

Over the past four years, we've worked hard to ensure the temporary diversion is the best it can be, taking into account the requirements of statutory consultees and the requests of six councils relevant to the Greenway. However, it's important to note the temporary diversion was never going to be an exact replica of the existing Greenway. The standards for HS2-related infrastructure – even temporary infrastructure – are different in many ways to those for linear parks.

Design, fencing and width

We appreciate that some in the local community may not like the look of fencing, or other aspects of the path, but the design of the temporary Greenway has been worked through with various stakeholders and approved by HS2, Warwickshire County Council, and Solihull Council.

Design and implementation were constrained by various factors, including available land; standards; programme; cost; environment/ecology; and site conditions – and the design won't change at this time. The design process placed health and safety at the heart of all aspects of the temporary Greenway, including for fencing. 'Duplicate' fencing referenced by stakeholders is required along parts of the temporary path to demarcate HS2 land and keep users away from areas that may be unsafe due to uneven ground and drainage requirements.

At this stage, our assessment is that the temporary Greenway will be safe for all intended users. Concerns raised about width and fencing, while understandable, are based on theoretical scenarios that are unlikely to come to pass if users of the temporary Greenway are using the path in line with safe, common sense practices. The Greenway diversion width is designed to DMRB TA 90/05 (original design standard, superseded by CD 143) and CD 143 which permits 3 metre width for shared use, with 0.5 metre verges.

HS2 will continue to monitor and assess safety once the temporary Greenway opens to the public. Should any part of the path become unsafe, HS2 will take appropriate action to rectify it and ensure safety.

Path surface and drainage

We appreciate feedback on surface/drainage issues, and we acknowledge that after the period of winter weather in January there was further work for LM to do to ensure the surface of the path is user-friendly and safe.

We've instructed our subcontractor to revisit areas any areas of concern and carry out any remedial works to fix any issues. We expect to have a further update on these efforts closer to completion of



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the temporary Greenway. LM will rectify any known or reported defects in materials or workmanship for the temporary Greenway.

Landscaping and other items

Further small-scale landscaping and other activities (e.g. installation of bins, benches and information boards) are being worked through with HS2, councils and local stakeholders.

Ongoing maintenance of the path, including overseeing any potential issues relating to wildlife interacting with the temporary Greenway, will sit with HS2 to consider.