

MINUTES OF BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

13 SEPTEMBER

Chairman's Welcome

Attendance: Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr S Hulme, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Atkins, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish Mr P Riley, Mr C Watson, Mrs A Garden, Mr N Knight, Mr & Mrs R Parkinson, Mr A Davis, Mr R Beighton, Mr J Malein, Mrs C Stewart-Sanderman, Mr O Stewart-Sanderman, Mr & Mrs M Maisey

Apologies: David Leech

Introduction of Elizabeth Davis, Stakeholder Engagement Manager Phase 2a HS2 Ltd: After being introduced by the Chairman, Ms Davis gave an overview of the progress made to date. She explained that after the consultation period, due to end on 30 September 2017, an independent report would be written and submitted to the House of Commons. She said that she was hoping to hold some surgeries regarding route issues and encouraged local Parish Councils and individuals to respond with any specific items they wished to be considered. She reiterated that the route of the line was not going to change.

Many questions were asked, in particular, alterations to the B5013 and how it will be maintained during construction; policing of vehicles and traffic management especially in peak times; concerns regarding how the new shape of the road could encourage speeding traffic through Admaston. Ms Davis said that they were working with Staffordshire County Council and emergency services regarding traffic management issues.

Some of the questions asked, for instance, worker traffic, work camps and compounds, lighting during construction, noise attenuation and tree planting were all on-going or work in progress. The terminology "Borrow Pits" was discussed and explained.

Ms Davis advised that she could not respond to some of the technical questions, but would make enquiries and inform us accordingly.

The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting.