

## Decision Record – High Speed Two Phase 2b Design Refinement Consultation

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| <b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b> | Councillor Jeff Clarke<br>Transport & Planning |
| <b>Date of Decision</b> (not before 23 August 2019) | <b>23/08/2019</b>                              |

### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning endorses the proposed response to the HS2 Phase 2b Design Refinement Consultation as set out in **Appendix A.**

### Reasons for Decisions

Responses to government consultations require the approval of the Portfolio Holder.

### Background Information

On June 6 the Government launched a consultation on 11 proposed changes to the design of Phase 2b, the section of the High Speed 2 (HS2) route from Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds.

The amendments are being proposed following design development, environmental assessment, feedback to consultations and ongoing engagement carried out by HS2 Ltd. The consultation includes relocations and realignments, new infrastructure and the introduction of new scope to the HS2 design.

The two changes affecting Warwickshire are:

- i. Realignment of the route at Junction 10 of the M42, North Warwickshire, to include a 2km tunnel
- ii. Introduction of a maintenance facility at Austrey, North Warwickshire.

### Financial Implications

Officer resources from the council's project team will be required to fulfil the role of the authority during the development of HS2 Phase 2b. If there is a necessity to petition Parliament on changes to the scheme, there will be legal costs in line with the council's experience in Phase One.

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| <b>Portfolio Holder</b>   | Councillor Jeff Clarke |

## Checklist

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| <b>Urgent matter?</b>   | N |
| <b>Confidential or Exempt?</b> (State the category of exempt information) | N |
| <b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>       | N |

### List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4683/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

### List of Background Papers

1. Background paper: Warwickshire County Council WDES response (December 2018)
2. Background paper: Design Refinement Consultation document (July 2019)

### Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor  
 Corporate Board  
 Legal – Ian Marriott  
 Finance – Virginia Rennie  
 Equality – Keira Rounsley  
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Local Members: Cllrs Jenns, Reilly, Parsons

Other members: Cllr Stevens, Chattaway, Cockburn, Phillips, Shilton, Clarke, Fradgley and Roodhouse