

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

7th March 2017

AGENDA ITEM 8.4 To consider the submission of representations in respect of HS2 Phase 2b Route Refinement Consultation and Property Consultation

1 Background

- 1.1 The deadline for submission of representations is 23.45 on 9th March 2017. Representations may be submitted on-line or by post, though it is unclear whether postal representations have to be received by HS2 by the deadline date/time. If so an on-line response is strongly recommended.

2 Report - HS2 Phase 2b Route Refinement Consultation

- 2.1 The response form provided by HS2 contains a series of questions. Question 2 is the most pertinent in relation to this Council's concerns. Other questions not reproduced here relate to other regions affected by the route.

Question 1 – Relocation of western leg Rolling Stock Depot (Section 2.1 of the 'HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe to Manchester, West Midlands to Leeds Route Refinement Consultation 2016' document). The Secretary of State is minded to relocate the proposed western leg Rolling Stock Depot from Golborne to a site north of Crewe.

Do you support the proposal to locate the western leg Rolling Stock Depot on the site north of Crewe? Please indicate whether or not you support the proposal together with your reasons.

Question 2 – Route between Middlewich and Pickmere (Section 2.2 of the 'HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe to Manchester, West Midlands to Leeds Route Refinement Consultation 2016' document). The Secretary of State is minded to change the alignment between Middlewich and Pickmere and raise the route as it passes through the Cheshire salt plains.

Do you support the proposal to change the alignment and raise the route through the Cheshire salt plains? Please indicate whether or not you support the proposal together with your reasons.

Question 3 – Manchester Piccadilly approach (Section 2.3 of the 'HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe to Manchester, West Midlands to Leeds Route Refinement Consultation 2016' document). The Secretary of State is minded to change the alignment of the approach to Manchester Piccadilly station so that it runs to the east of West Gorton, lengthen the tunnel on the approach and relocate the tunnel portal to the Ardwick rail depot.

Do you support the proposal to change the alignment of the approach to Manchester Piccadilly station? Please indicate whether or not you support the proposal together with your reasons.

3 Report – HS2 Property Consultation 2016

Question 1 - The Government believes the proposed schemes outlined in the Property Consultation document provide a comprehensive package of assistance and compensation to communities along or near the preferred Phase 2b section of HS2. Are there any factors which you think should be considered to make the proposed schemes more suitable for the preferred Phase 2b section of HS2? Can you suggest any ideas you may have to improve the package of compensation and assistance schemes for the preferred Phase 2b section of HS2?

Question 2 - The following questions relate to the proposed rural and urban boundaries along the preferred Phase 2b section of HS2. See map on page 7 of the Property Consultation document for an outline of the five proposed rural/urban boundaries along the preferred Phase 2b route.

N.b. None of the rural/urban boundaries referred to impinge on Pickmere parish.

Question 3 - Do you have any comments on the current operation of the 'no prior knowledge' criterion in relation to the Need to Sell scheme? Do you believe changes should be made to this criterion and, if so, what changes should be made and why?

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That Council formulate what if any representations are to be made in respect of the current HS2 consultation exercise.

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