

# MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HINTS WITH CANWELL PARISH COUNCIL

held virtually on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr. S Petford (Chair), Cllr. S Clarke (Vice-Chair), Cllr. G Kynaston, Cllr. P Kynaston, Cllr. C Meadows, Cllr. S Rippon, Cllr. S Shepherd.

**Guests in Attendance:** SCC Cllr. D Smith, Sarah Mallen

**Cadent:** Roxanne Blake, Liam O'Toole, Scott Jones; **BBV:** Tahir Ahmed;  
**HS2:** Chris Humphreys; **LM:** Matt Price, Jane Smith, Paul Moore;

**Public in Attendance:** Approximately 11

**Minute Taker & Clerk** Gemma Burgess, [clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk)

**21/12. Apologies:** None

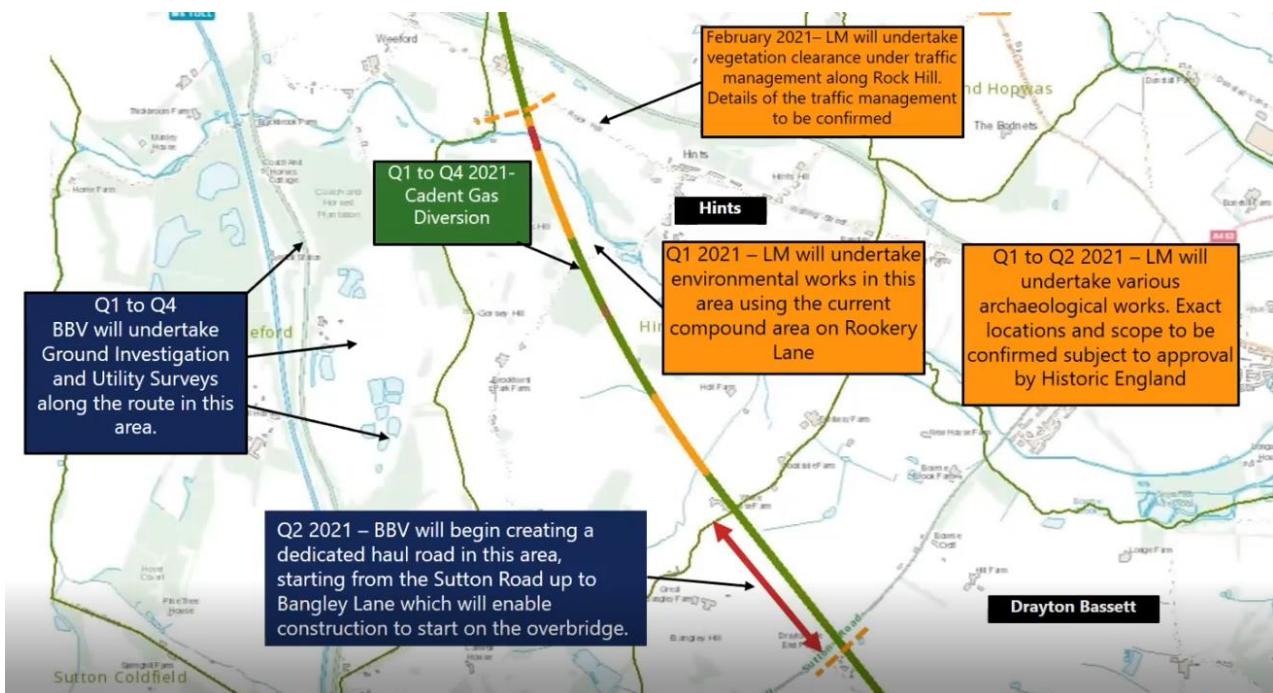
**21/13. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr. S Petford & Cllr. S Shepherd declared an interest in all items relating to HS2 as landowners dealing directly with them.

**21/14. HS2**

Cadent provided a presentation (appended). 600m of a high-pressure gas pipeline on land either side of Rookery Lane needs to be diverted to facilitate the construction of HS2. Access is proposed via Watling Street and is due to commence in March 2021.

LM & BBV are liaising with Cadent to use their proposed access from Watling Street and infrastructure. LM's archaeological works will run from March to June, although an excavator will be brought to site, most work will be done by hand. Up to 10 archaeologists will be on each site. Traffic management which will be in place on Rock Hill/Watling St during February will still allow access to frontages / businesses which will be marshalled.

An overview of works is below:



**21/15. Public Participation:** Questions submitted in advance are appended at p24

**HS2**

1. HS2 contractors are committed to a joined-up approach to community engagement which will take the form of virtual drop-ins, a joint newsletter and attending Parish Council meetings. The first virtual drop-in is scheduled for Spring 2021. Site meetings and face-to-face drop-ins will be planned when COVID restrictions allow.
2. HS2 has not committed not to use the village lanes in Hints. A limited number of vehicles are able to use the lanes without consent being necessary. Where possible, the Rock Hill access will be used once widened by Cadent. Outstanding complaints on this issue will shortly be responded to.
3. All communication from residents needs to be made through the HS2 helpdesk.

**LM**

4. The Rookery Lane compound has decreased in size but demobilisation works will be completed after the completion of LM's works. Additional work has been planned, plus the original planting schedule has been delayed due to supply issues.
5. Thomson Environmental are back on site to complete the fencing and planting works, which have been delayed.
6. By law, only vehicles which exceed 3.5m wide, 44 ton or are misshapen require an escort vehicle. Traffic marshals are being used where possible. It was acknowledged by HS2/LM that human error has led to some vehicles arriving at site unexpectedly. The correct procedure is that vehicles should book in with the site manager to be marshalled down.  
**ACTION POINT 1:** HS2/LM to review marshalling / escort system.
7. The viability of using the Watling Street access depends on where saplings are due to be sited and the type of vehicle used.
8. A resident confirmed the area where the iron fencing is, which forms part of the heritage of Hints and should not be scrapped.  
**ACTION POINT 2:** LM to look into the iron fencing from Rookery Lane to Rookery Wood.
9. The compound will be demobilised at the end of all LM's works which require it.
10. Compensation requests from private driveways need to be logged with the HS2 Helpdesk. Each contractor has its own programme of reinstatement according to their own pre-condition surveys.  
**ACTION POINT 3:** SCC to be invited give an update on the Highways position at a future Council meeting.
11. Tree surveys have informed the planting in terms of species and number to reflect the local area as part of the Woodland Creation Strategy. The movement of soil is to provide better biodiverse soil for the new saplings.  
**ACTION POINT 4:** HS2 to confirm whether tree surveys are publicly accessible.
12. The scope of bat housing is to comply with conditions set out to mitigate the impact on bats and has been delivered in the most economical way possible.  
**ACTION POINT 5:** LM to provide information on current population of the bat houses.  
**ACTION POINT 6:** HS2 to invite ecology / environmental team representative to be able to answer questions in more detail at the Spring Virtual Drop-In.

**BBV**

13. & 14. No heavy construction vehicles will use the village lanes. Depending on the location and type of vehicles being used, some Ground Investigation and Utilities Survey vehicles will use the lanes. The surveys will begin in Feb / March and will then be planned throughout the year for 2 – 3 weeks in total.
15. The construction of the haul road will commence from the A453 Sutton Road as there is an established site there and the area near Watling Street will already be in use by other contractors due to land access specific requirements of the "principal contractor".
16. Details regarding the construction of welfare sites is still being firmed up, which will be shared when confirmed.

**Cadent**

- 17. The works in Hints will be March 2021 – autumn.
- 18. The consents for the proposed access via Watling St. / Bourne Lodge need to be agreed, therefore no absolute commitment can be given. (SCC Sarah Mallen confirmed the Sch.4 & Sch.17 applications are awaiting final sign-off which should occur soon).
- 19. A temporary works compound will be created at Bourne Lodge which will have toilets, office space, a canteen and equipment storage.

A resident commented that, following a complaint made to the HS2 Helpdesk on 11<sup>th</sup> September, no response other than an automated acknowledgement that the complaint would be dealt with within 20 days had been received.

**21/16. Next Meeting:** to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

***There being no further business the Chairman Cllr Sue Petford thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.48pm.***

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## Hints with Canwell Parish Council Meeting 19.01.2021 – HS2

### Residents' Questions

#### HS2

1. please explain your plans to better communicate with residents following your commitment to the Construction Commissioner to do so at the mediation on 30 November 2020 (the 'Mediation')
2. please explain how HS2 will fulfil its commitment to the Construction Commissioner at the Mediation to resolve Hints residents' complaints about contractors using village lanes as haul routes rather than the Watling Street access
3. please confirm that Jonathan Lord remains the key senior contact for Hints in relation to contractor issues

#### LM

4. please explain why LM told residents that they were demobilising the LM site in Hints only to bring back heavy plant (presumably to construct the newt pond and basking bank) in the first week of January
5. please explain why Thomson Environmental is back on site in Hints and why they are bringing heavy plant back on site
6. despite residents' complaints, LM continues to bring HGVs through village lanes so please explain why LM is not funding the proper escort of HGVs
7. please explain why we are seeing LM vehicles using Watling Street for access on some occasions (transporting saplings) but are apparently unable to use it all the time
8. around much of Hints, there is historically important iron Estate Fencing which LM appear to be removing; please will LM commit to salvaging this fencing when LM leave site
9. bearing in mind the work left for LM to carry out is mainly tree planting, please explain why LM cannot demobilise and vacate the Hints compound now and operate from the site at Bucks Head Farm using Watling Street to access its works
10. please explain the process for repair and replacement of damage caused by LM to the village lanes and private driveways used as pull ins
11. please provide or direct residents to information on why soil has been moved to Whites Piece, why trees are being planted here, what species of trees are being planted generally around Hints; what post planting management is being put in place and with whom has that been agreed, eg Forestry Commission; to what extent is the current tree planting additional to that removed?
12. please explain why a new bat house was built in Weeford at huge expense when 4 buildings at Bucks Head Farm (where bats were purportedly being displaced) are being retained? Who is responsible for monitoring bats?

#### BBV

13. please confirm that BBV/BBV sub contractors will use the Watling Street access and no traffic will use School Lane or Rookery Lane to access the BBV site in Hints
14. please confirm when the proposed ground investigation works will commence and where the ground investigations will take place and why vehicles for this work need to use School Lane and Rookery Lane
15. please confirm that BBV will commence construction of the haul road at the Watling Street end and not the Sutton end as there is a much larger impact on the community of Hints if this approach is not taken
16. please confirm when BBV will commence construction of its welfare site in Hints and how many people it will support

#### Cadent

17. please confirm when work will commence on moving the high pressure gas pipe in Hints
18. please confirm that Cadent will use the Watling Street access and no Cadent or Cadent sub contractors will use School Lane or Rookery Lane to access Cadent works
19. please confirm if Cadent will be creating any site facilities in the Hints area

# Overview

## Who we are

- **Gas distribution company** – own and operate four of the eight gas distribution networks in Great Britain (nearly 50% of the gas distribution market).
- **Largest gas distributor in the UK** – supply gas across our four regions: West Midlands, North West; East of England and north London.
- **Responsible for transporting gas** from the national transmission network (run by National Grid) directly to individual homes and businesses.

**Cadent is required under the HS2 Act to divert a number of its high-pressure gas pipelines along the HS2 Phase One route (London to West Midlands) to facilitate the construction and operation of HS2.**



# Cadent: Sandon to Drayton Bassett Pipeline Diversion (HP23)

## Overview

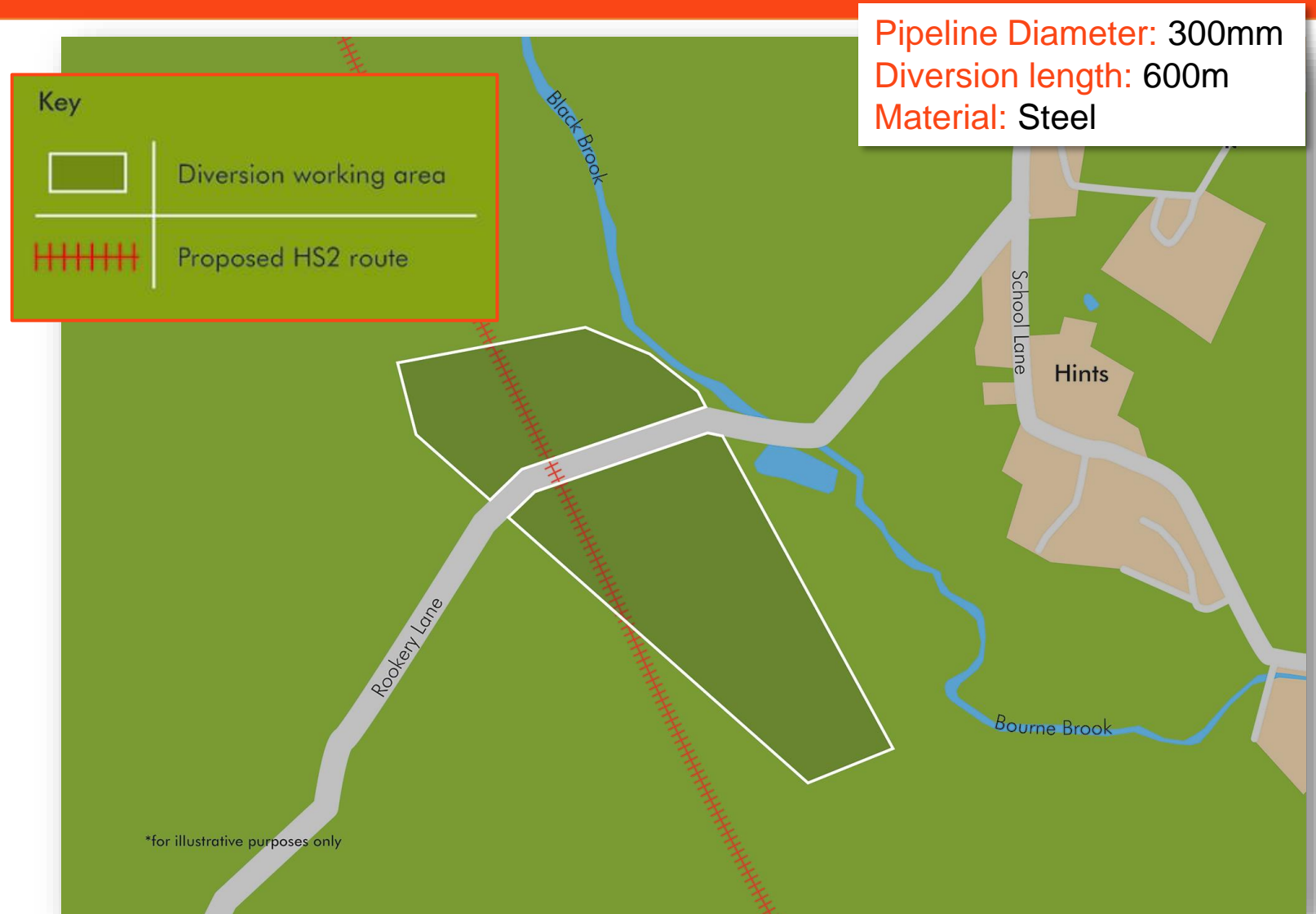
To facilitate HS2's construction and to continue to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply, Cadent needs to move an existing gas pipeline on land either side of Rookery Lane.

**Schedule:** March 2021 until the end of 2021.

## Cadent will work with HS2 and the local community to:

- Maintain a safe working environment.
- Keep people informed.
- Keep disruption to a minimum.
- Ensure no disruption to utilities.

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## What our works involve

- Setting up a temporary works compound on land north of Rookery Lane.
- Installing fencing around our working area and access path.
- Digging a trench for the new pipeline.
- We are looking to utilise a trenchless crossing technique to install the pipe underneath Rookery Lane so we can avoid closing the road.
- Welding the pipe together then installing it in the trench.
- Connecting and testing the new pipe.

**Wherever possible, we will keep traffic movements to a minimum and outside of peak times. We will keep local people up to date with any changes.**

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## Our proposed access route involves:

- Vehicles travelling via Watling Street.
- Access taken via the private lane to Bourne Lodge to the land north of our working area.
- We'll construct a temporary bridge across Black Brook for vehicles to use.
- Laying down a track matt road between the bridge and our works site.
- Temporary traffic lights on the Watling Street junction for two weeks while we set up the access.

**Our access plans are awaiting approval from HS2. We'll let local people know once this has been confirmed via HS2's notification process. You can also contact HS2's main helpdesk with any enquiries.**

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