

## APPENDIX A

## Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire County Council Feedback

Key issues	Warwickshire County Council	Buckinghamshire County Council
Staff resource / costs	<p>Early and proactive approach.</p> <p>Four full time staff ('project team') and an additional budget of around £150k per year dealing with HS2 matters.</p> <p>The project team reports to a board of senior WCC officers and also calls on other specialist staff across WCC in responding to specific technical matters (20 plus at peak times)</p> <p>"No part of Council not impacted by HS2".</p>	<p>A permanent team of four dedicated staff responding to HS2, calling on wider internal resources as appropriate.</p> <p>This included two to three days a week director level input at peak times.</p> <p>Work increased at the Draft Environmental Statement stage (anticipated to happen on the stage affecting Leicestershire in autumn / winter 2018).</p> <p>Once HS2 reached construction phase, the type of work changed. The same key team remain engaged on the delivery phase, and will do into the foreseeable future.</p>
Specialist legal advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control of costs by HS2 Ltd impact on what mitigation measures are offered and when e.g. at attendance of Select Committee.</li> <li>• When giving evidence to a Select Committee the Council needs to demonstrate that it had raised the matter with HS2 at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>• Therefore employment of specialist legal advice to guide through the Hybrid Bill process e.g. mitigation required to address concerns not covered by the Phase 2b EIA or Hybrid Bill would need to be secured via a petition to the Parliamentary Select Committees. Legal advice identified that in order for a County Authority to appear at a Government Select Committee, the County Full Council meeting must have already supported this action, with a two-thirds majority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reiterated Warwickshire's comments</li> <li>• Confirmed need to petition Parliamentary Select Committees in order to secure ways to address impacts (gained around 130 assurances by engaging with HS2 - these assurances give greater control over construction activities, for example stopping contractors working if traffic management standards are not met).</li> <li>• Independently recommended the same company as Warwickshire to provide legal advice.</li> </ul>

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Funding	HS2 Ltd reimburses WCC for costs relating to the supply of information that HS2 Ltd. request. WCC estimates that this reimbursement equates to about 12% of their spend on HS2	
Benefits of approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated £30 million additional mitigation works that may not have been achieved without extra resources</li> <li>• Project team enabled responses to be made to HS2 requests with short deadlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated overall mitigation gain as a result of their engagement is of the order of £60m (over the 60km route within the county)</li> </ul>
Community engagement	Both authorities stressed the importance of leading the community and, on each point of mitigation; attempt to achieve an agreed narrative so as to not dilute the arguments for mitigation.	