

Helmdon Parish Council

HS2 Liaison Role Description

Role Purpose:

To act as the primary point of contact between the Parish Council and High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, its main contractors (e.g., EKFB), and relevant local authorities (e.g., West Northants Council HS2 teams, National Highways). The purpose is to ensure the Parish Council and residents are informed of planned HS2 works and activities, and that local concerns, issues, and feedback are effectively communicated to the relevant project bodies for resolution.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Information Gathering:** Attend HS2 Liaison Group meetings (local, county, or contractor-specific) and other relevant forums to gather the latest information on construction, road closures, diversions, environmental impacts (noise, traffic, dust), and compensation schemes.
- **Reporting and Communication:**
 - Provide concise updates and reports to full Parish Council meetings when required.
 - Disseminate relevant information to residents through the parish website, notice boards, and community meetings.
 - Ensure all communications with external agencies are notified to the Parish Clerk to maintain an audit trail.
- **Issue Resolution & Advocacy:**
 - Act as the initial point for residents to raise concerns or complaints related to HS2 activities, guiding them to use the formal [HS2 Helpdesk](#) (08081 434 434) while also monitoring and flagging persistent or widespread issues to the HS2 community engagement team for resolution.
 - Advocate for the parish's position on key issues (e.g., road safety, noise mitigation, environmental protection, footpath diversions) as directed by the Parish Council's collective decisions.

- **Monitoring and Compliance:** Monitor that HS2 Ltd and its contractors are working within the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and fulfilling their obligations and assurances given to the community and local authorities.

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