

ROLE PROFILE

Role title: Local Community Representative – Construction Commissioner Steering Group

Location: Birmingham and London (when attending physical meetings), Virtual

Salary: Expenses Only

BACKGROUND

High Speed Two (HS2) is a new railway from London to the West Midlands, then to Manchester via Crewe and Leeds via the East Midlands, and South Yorkshire.

The HS2 Independent Construction Commissioner (ICC) has been appointed by the Government to be an independent mediator in unresolved disputes relating to construction of the railway where these are between HS2 Ltd and individuals or bodies along Phase 1 (London to West Midlands) and Phase 2a (West Midlands to Crewe) of the route. The ICC reports publicly on their activities and makes recommendations to HS2 Ltd on how numbers of complaints may be minimised or reduced. The ICC also acts as an arbitrator for the HS2 Small Claims Scheme in the event that a dispute cannot be resolved through the normal process.

As part of the establishment of the ICC, a steering group was set up to monitor the Commissioner's performance throughout the construction period. This group has also been tasked with providing independent oversight and advice to government ministers at the Department for Transport (DfT).

The Construction Commissioner Steering Group (CCSG) is supported by HS2 Ltd and includes representatives from the local authorities and local communities along the line of route in Phase 1 and Phase 2a. In addition, representatives from HS2 Ltd and DfT sit on the Steering Group. It meets three to four times a year, in either Birmingham or London; though it currently meets virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic.

JOB PURPOSE

The Steering Group are seeking to appoint a number of Local Community Representatives who will be expected to represent and communicate a range of experiences and perspectives held by residents across Phase 1 and Phase 2a of the HS2 Project.

This representation will assist the Steering Group to effectively monitor the Commissioner's performance and help provide independent oversight and advice to ministers at DfT.

The post holder will be expected to prepare for, and attend, meetings of the Steering Group on a quarterly basis, and undertake additional duties throughout the year as may be required.

ABOUT YOU

You must be aged over 18 and a British subject, or hold an up-to-date permit or visa that permits you to work and reside in the UK for the duration of the appointment. You must also be a resident within a community along the Phase 1 or Phase 2a Line of Route.

You should also:

- Have some knowledge or experience of representing local communities in a public forum, and be able to understand and communicate a range of different experiences and perspectives in an objective manner.
- Have some knowledge or experience of the HS2 project and the work of the Construction Commissioner, or a willingness to acquire such knowledge.
- Understand the importance of taking an objective route-wide view of the issues raised by local communities and other interested parties.
- Be willing to prepare for, and attend, either virtual or physical meetings of the Steering Group as required throughout the year.
- Be prepared to declare any affiliation, or membership of, any organisation or group relevant to HS2 Ltd., DfT, or local authority along the line of route. This includes any organisation or group involved in campaigning or lobbying in relation to HS2.*
- Be willing to maintain confidentiality in all matters relating to the work of the Steering Group.

*Affiliation or membership of a relevant organisation or group will not disqualify an application, though as an independent and objective body, the Steering Group will reserve the right to consider any conflicts of interest when assessing applications for this role.