

Mark Dauncey

From: James :
Sent: 27 September 2013 16:42
To: Jon Hickton
Cc: Andy Bird; Mark Dauncey; John Craven
Subject: RE: Beaconside Stafford

Dear John,

Likewise good speaking to you and thanks for the follow up email.

As you are aware, on the 28th January 2013 the Government announced its initial preferred route for Phase Two of the HS2 project extending high speed rail lines from the West Midlands to Manchester in the North West and to Leeds in the North East. More information surrounding the announcement of the initial preferred route can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport/series/hs2-phase-two-initial-preferred-route>.

The Secretary of State for Transport subsequently announced a consultation on a proposed Phase Two route on 17 July 2013, see: <http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase-two/route-consultation> for further details and the consultation documents. Following consultation, the SoS will make an announcement of the chosen route in 2014. As such, the proposed route may be subject to change as a result of the consultation process.

Given the current stage of scheme design and live consultation exercise on the proposed Phase Two route; HS2 Ltd would not at this stage wish to make any specific comments on the merits or otherwise of your development proposals for the Beaconside area. Furthermore, and in contrast to the majority of the proposed railway corridor for Phase One of HS2 between London and the West Midlands, the land in question is not within any safeguarded zone for HS2 and therefore HS2 Ltd are not a statutory consultee at this time. However, as the proposed line of route of Phase Two of HS2 is shown passing through part of the site, you are advised that it may in the future be required by HS2 Ltd to construct and/or operate the railway.

If you have any further queries do get in touch, in the meantime I would urge you to respond to the consultation which closes on 31 January 2014.

Regards,

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From: Jon Hickton

Sent: 24 September 2013 11:04

To: James Fox

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Subject: FW: Beaconside Stafford

James,

It was good to speak to you earlier.