

HS2

AN UPDATE ON PROCEEDINGS

HS2 Committee – Wardington Parish Council

WELCOME

- **Parishioners**
- **Stephanie Garnett** Senior Parliamentary Assistant
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- **Mark Kemp** Deputy Director Commercial OCC

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ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- ✓ As a result of the meeting with the Parish Council on June 12th, local MP Victoria Prentis is in full support of a petition.

- ✓ The Parish Council has since formed a HS2 Committee to lead the campaign:
 1. With powers to authorise expenditure within the allocated budget.
 2. The Committee's budget is currently covered by the Parish Council's 2015-17 budget surplus forecast - but there is no knowing what costs will be incurred in the future.

- ✓ The HS2 Committee will make use of the Parish Council's statutory relationship with Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

ROLE OF THE HS2 COMMITTEE

✓ The purpose of the HS2 Committee is to:

1. Prepare a parliamentary petition
2. Set the strategy for the future campaign
3. Represent the Parish Council in the campaign (e.g. at House of Commons Select Committee meetings)

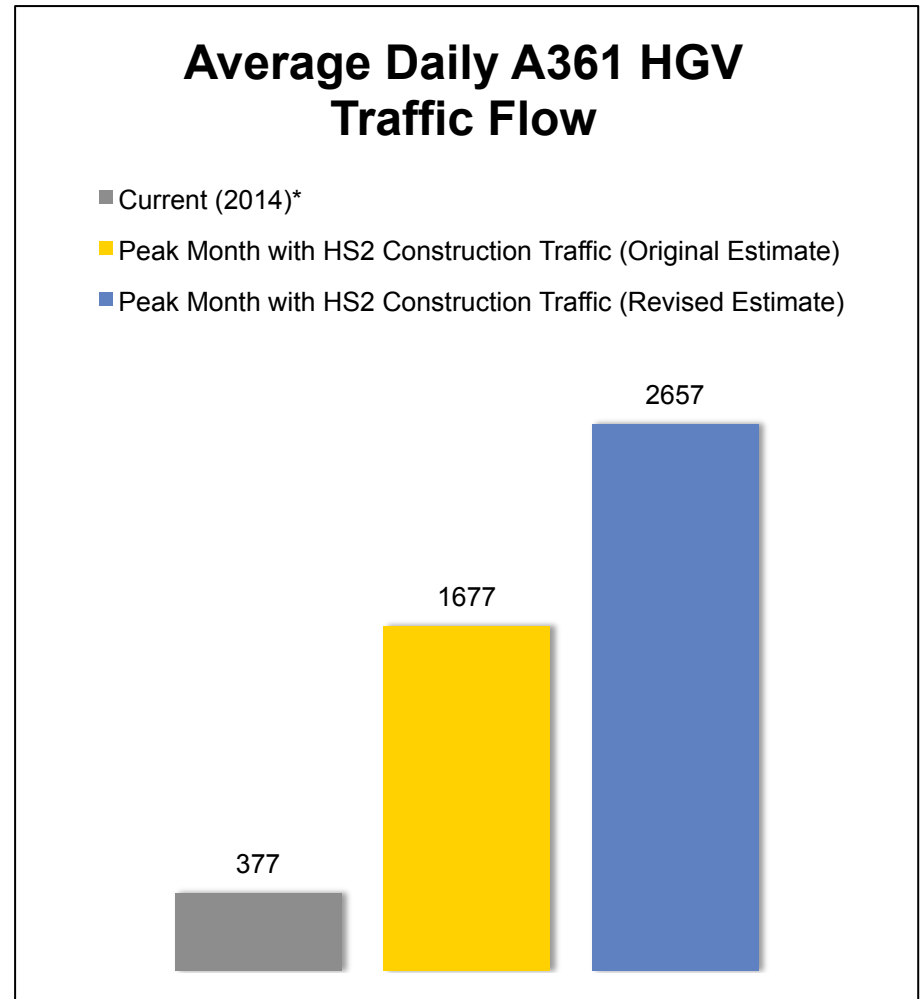
✓ In the first instance, the Committee will consist of:

1. Nigel Bankes (Chair)
2. George Page
3. Malcolm Patterson
4. Charles Holbech

The committee may look to co-opt other members as the nature of the work develops.

THE PARLIAMENTARY PETITION

- ✓ On July 13th, HS2 Ltd. published an addendum to the original environmental statement with revised A361 HGV traffic flow figures. (Right).
- ✓ Where the precise location of the forecast in the original statement read *A361 Byfield Road (south of Welsh Road)*, it now unequivocally reads *A361 Byfield Road, between Chipping Warden bypass and the M40*.
- ✓ We can now see that for one hour (17:00-18:00) per day during the peak months of the construction period, there will be 280 HGV trips passing through Wardington on the A361.



*Department for Transport. <http://api.dft.gov.uk/v2/trafficcounts/countpoint/id/99235.csv>
Specifically for the stretch of the A361 between the M40 roundabout and the county boundary north of Wardington.

THE PARLIAMENTARY PETITION

- ✓ A new consultation period was opened for the submittal of petitions to parliament. The HS2 Committee has been working to produce a parliamentary petition:
 1. The complete HS2 documentation has been reviewed by law firm Pinsent Masons (PM) to ensure that any information that the HS2 Committee uses in a petition has legal weight.
 2. PM attested that there is sufficient cause for a petition.
 3. With support from PM, the HS2 Committee will produce a petition.
 4. The petition will recommend that the ideal resolution would be a bypass, to divert traffic away from the village.
 5. Victoria Prentis has agreed to deliver the petition by hand to parliament on August 12th.

ROLE OF PARISHIONERS

- ✓ The HS2 Committee has consulted with the local landowners who would likely be affected by the construction of a bypass. Initial responses were not unanimously supportive.
- ✓ The Committee would like to include the concerns of individual parishioners in the petition. Please send your personal objections to wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk by Monday.
- ✓ You can individually send comments directly to HS2 Ltd. until August 28th by filling in a consultation response form – information on which will be posted on Wardington.net.

SUMMARY

- A HS2 Committee has been formed to produce a parliamentary petition and to lead the campaign.
- Revised figures have been published by HS2 Ltd. almost doubling the previous forecast on A361 HGV HS2 construction traffic.
- Victoria Prentis will submit a petition to parliament on August 12th.
- It is hoped that support of local landowners can be gained in due course.
- Parishioners are asked to send personal information to be included in the petition to wardingtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk by Monday.
- Parishioners can individually send comments to HS2 Ltd. via a consultation response form – information to follow on wardington.net.

The environmental statement addendum can be seen in full online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/supplementary-environmental-statement-and-additional-provision-2-july-2015>

or a full printed version can be viewed on the first floor of Banbury library.