

STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR
SOUTH EAST AYLESBURY LINK ROAD [SEALR]

1. The Parish Council recognises the need for the creation of road infrastructure around Aylesbury town especially as Stoke Mandeville is particularly affected by heavy and continuous traffic throughout the day and more so considerable queues throughout the village at peak times.
2. The realignment of the A4010 became necessary because of the proposed two major flyover bridges straddling Stoke Mandeville village in order to accommodate high speed rail and consequent funding of the road diversion through HS2 Ltd.
3. Meetings have taken place with BCC Officers involved in the scheme and Councillors attended the public exhibition on 1 November and are also aware of the views of their constituents.
4. BCC's presentation states that modelling has shown that the HS2 A4010 realignment would cause congestion at the Aylesbury gyratory system, Furthermore, that the SEALR link needs to be opened at the same time or before to mitigate the impact of reassigned traffic. No mention is made of modelling the impact on Lower Road or the gyratory if the gyratory if the SEALR link is completed and opened before the A4010 realignment road has been completed. The Parish Council awaits sight of this with interest or to receive confirmation that the SEALR link is completed first, it will not be brought into use until the A4010 realignment is ready for use.
5. The Parish Council would welcome further information on how connectivity will be assured between the proposed residential developments new primary school, new local centre and cycling / walking links referred to as site ref AGT1 in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan [VALP] proposed submission.
6. The section road between the A413 down to Lower Road B4443 runs past Stoke Grange and close to residential houses. As such reassurances are required as to the type of soundproofing and bunding which is to be provided to safeguard homes from resultant noise and pollution.
7. The proposals include an indicative route from the B4443 Lower Road to the A418 Oxford Road which travels between the route of HS2 and residential developments of Hawkslade. The Parish Council considers that the siting of any road should be on the outer rim west of HS2.
8. The Parish Council is concerned at the impact of construction traffic for the SEALR link on local traffic movements during the groundworks and construction phase, particularly when taking into account the impact of construction traffic from nearby development sites and potentially HS2 in the latter stages.
9. The Parish Council will seek assurances regarding the safety if pedestrians and cycle path users, together with detailed proposals for a dedicated cycleway along the SEALR link.
10. The Parish Council is surprised to see no mention of a review of these plans with the AGT Project Team or the AGT Delivery Board. The Parish Council expects to maintain its dialogue [which has been very helpful to date] with BCC regarding the SEALR link and to being fully involved with the AGT delivery going forward.