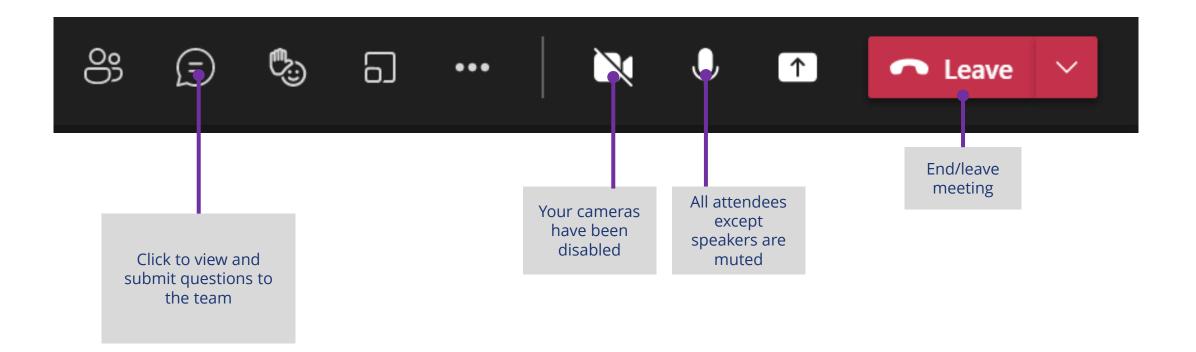
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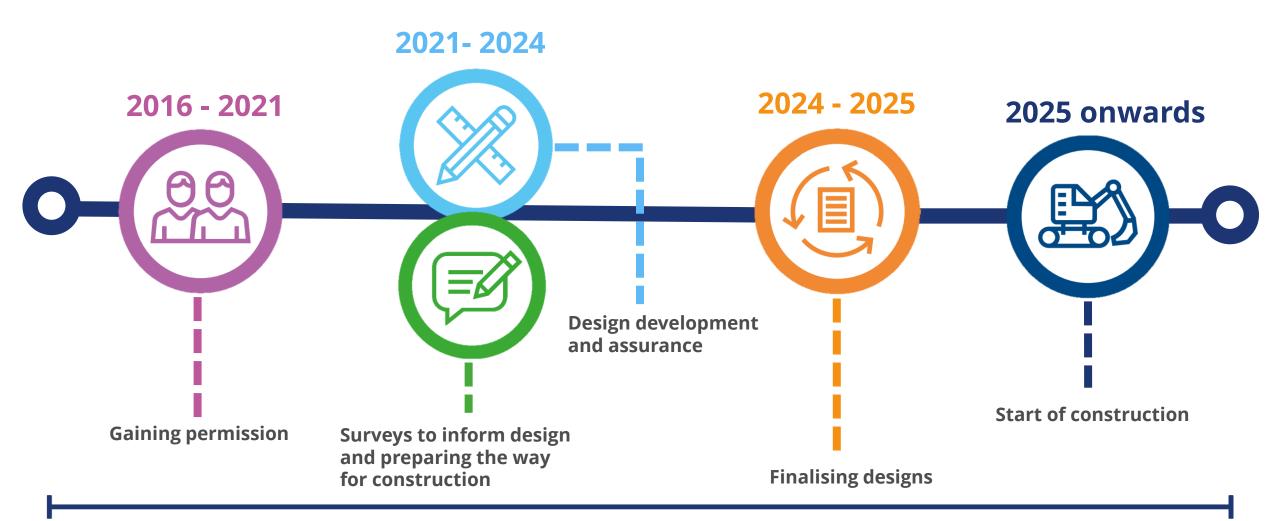


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#### **Microsoft Teams Meetings**



#### The journey to building the railway



2016 - 2021

# Gaining permission





Working Draft	Hybrid Bill Deposit	Additional Provisions 1 and 2	Royal Assent	S60 Consultation
(2016)	(2017)	(2017-19)	(Feb 2021)	(2021)

Public Consultations

#### Phase 2a Working Draft (2016)





- Phase 2a working draft presented environmental information based on the current stage of design.
- Two reports published as a result of consultation feedback.
  - ✓ "HS2 Phase 2a: West Midlands to Crewe design refinement consultation"
  - ✓ "HS2 Phase 2a West Midlands to Crewe: Summary of Route Refinements"

#### High Speed Rail (West Midlands -Crewe) Bill (2017-2021)



- In July 2017, the Government deposited a hybrid Bill in Parliament to secure the powers to construct and operate HS2 Phase 2a.
- Public consultation on the Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment from July to September 2017.
- A further two periods of public consultation in the form of two Additional Provisions (APs).

✓ AP1 – March to May 2018
✓ AP2 – February to March 2019

#### S60 Consultation (2021)





- A key amendment as the Bill was reaching its final stages through Parliament in the House of Lords.
- Focus on the scheme's impact on the general environment, ecology and biodiversity, landscape, and the impact on local communities.
- The public consultations were a valuable exercise in obtaining important information in aiding HS2s task of developing the Phase 2a design.

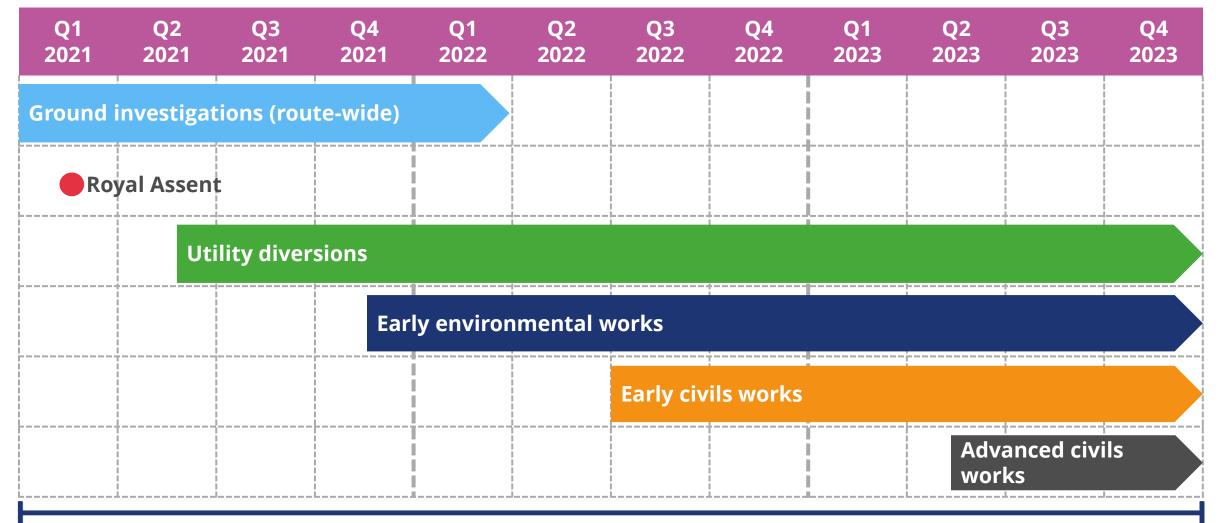


# Surveys and preparing the way



#### Phase 2a preparatory works





#### Ground Investigations



- Accumulation of information about the ground that will help inform the best way to build the structures we need in the area
- Provides information for the design of roads, tunnels, cuttings and embankments.
- Provides information on the nature and extent of any contaminated land.
- Will confirm locations and depth of utilities and potential utility diversions.

#### Utility Diversions





- The removal and diversion of existing utility infrastructures that are in the path of construction.
- c.300 required diversions over next 5 years
- Ground investigation, environmental surveys and arkeological investigations are undertaken ahead of any diversion taking place.

#### Early Environmental Works





- The establishment of new habitats so that they are ready for wildlife to move into when construction starts.
- Teams are working alongside ecological professionals.
- 20% of the total new green infrastructure for Phase 2a will be created at over 80 sites through our early works.
- Ecological surveys inform design of new habitats as well as wider design development.

#### Early Civils Works





- To ensure local roads are ready for the main construction traffic to use.
- ECW1 works include:
  - ✓ junction improvements at M6 J15/A500 (Hanchurch Interchange).
  - ✓ Wood End Lane/A515 Tewnalls Lane junction improvements.
- ECW2 works include:
  - ✓ the bridge and associated slip roads on M6 at Yarnfield Lane, Stone
  - ✓ road improvement scheme at 21 locations
- Designs expected to be shared later this year with work starting from 2023

#### Advanced Civils Works





- The possession and securing of land that we need to build the railway.
- Preparing the land so that construction work can start
- Establishing haul roads and site access to reduce traffic on the local road network and ensure safe equipment access to sites.
- c.60kim of haul roads will be built.
- This work will start mid 2023



## Design development and assurance



#### Design development and assurance



- Informed from surveys, the outline design is further developed focusing on the building standards that will be followed and overall approach to building the railway.
- Engagement with affected landowners and those with legal agreements on the design development.
- Design plans submitted to planning authorities to begin the approval process.



# Finalising designs

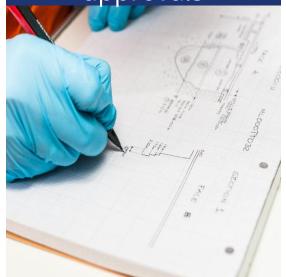


#### Finalising designs - 2024 - 2025





Final technical and environmental approvals



Common and key design engagement with public



Detailed designs shared with public





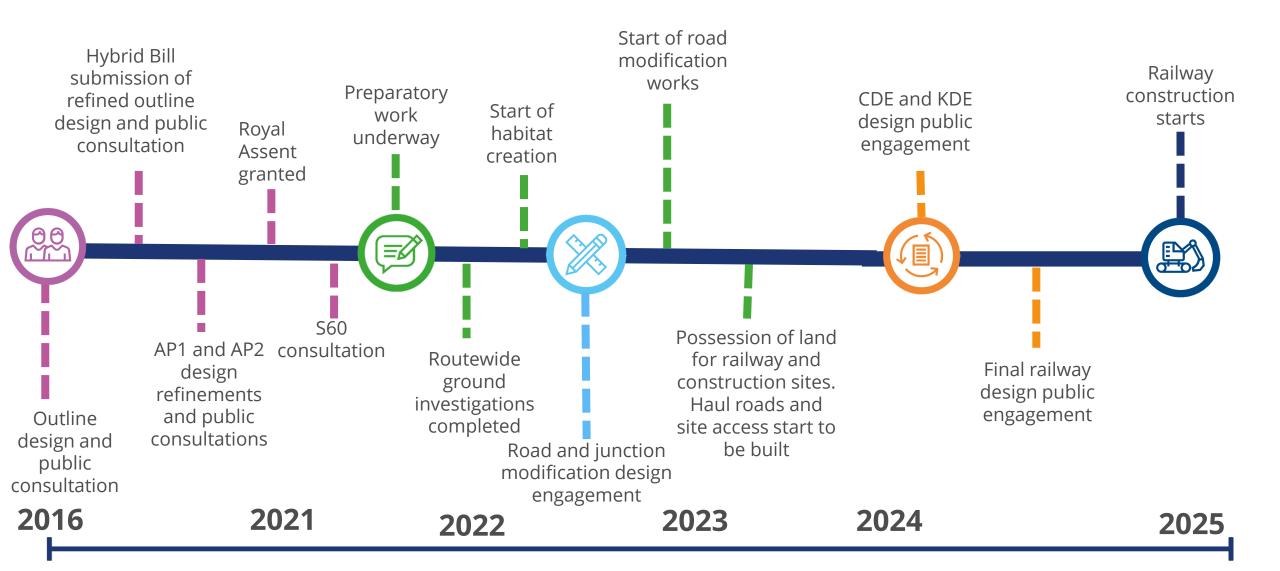
### Start of construction



#### What we are building



### Milestones in journey to building the railway



# Questions

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