

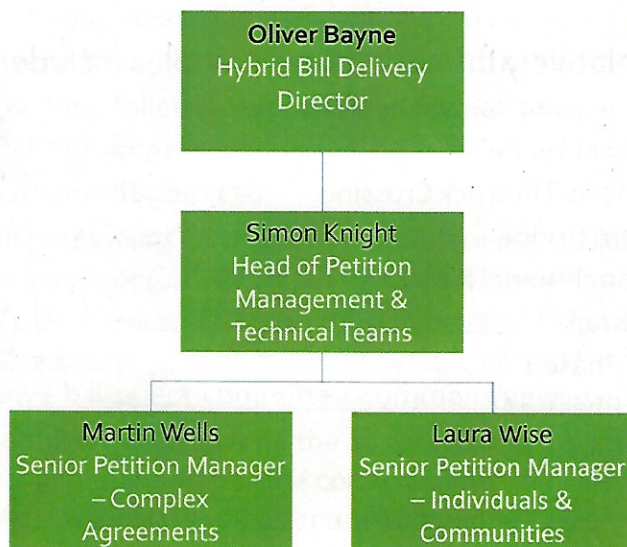


# The High Speed (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill

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## Hybrid Bill Delivery Directorate



## Hybrid Bill

Has characteristics of public and private Bills:

- Public: legislation that affects us all
- Private: affects specific individuals/organisations in a particular way

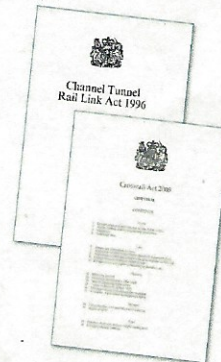
Promotion of a hybrid Bill combines elements of public and private Bills:

- The principle of the proposal is debated in Parliament
- Details are scrutinised by a Select Committee in both Houses
- Individuals directly affected by the proposals have a right to petition and be heard by the Committees
- Bill also goes through normal 'public' Bill stages just like other primary legislation

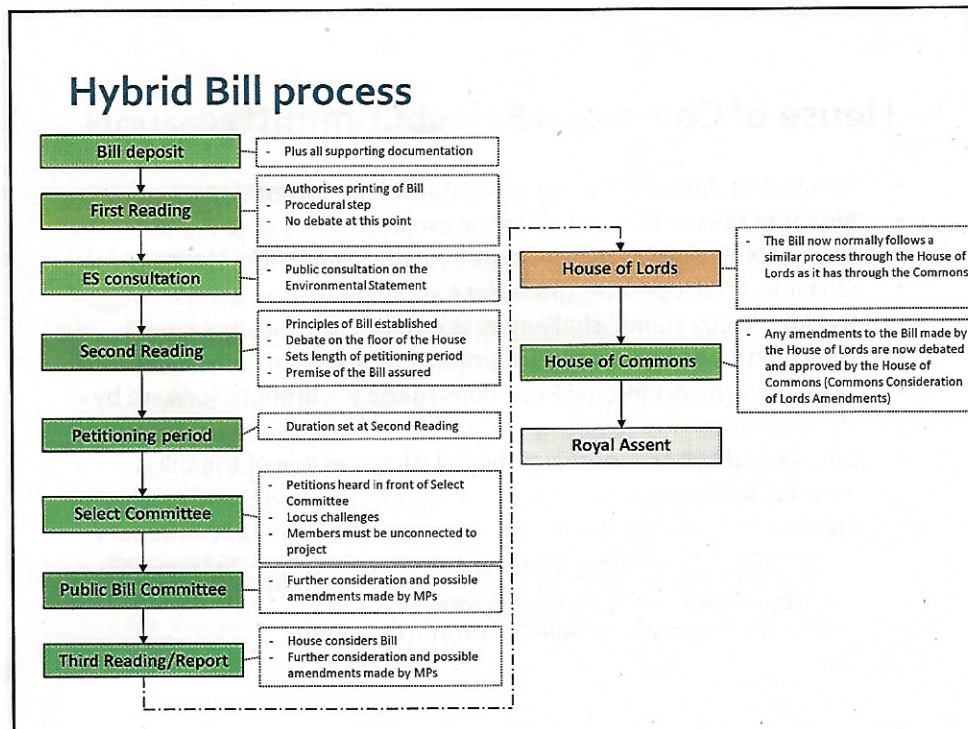
## Hybrid Bills

- Used relatively infrequently - examples include:

• Channel Tunnel	1987
• Dartford-Thurrock Crossing	1988
• Severn Bridge	1992
• Channel Tunnel Rail Link/HS1	1996
• Crossrail	2008
• HS2 Phase 1	2013
• HS2 Phase 2A	2017
• <i>HS2 Phase 2B</i>	2019







## Who can petition and how?

Please note that the process is determined by Parliament, not by HS2 Ltd

- Anyone 'specially and directly affected' by the Bill
- In writing, following a prescribed format, and submitted electronically or in person
- Payment of a fee (£20)
- Full petitioning guidance and template are available from the House of Commons Select Committee website at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-bill-select-committee-commons/news/>
- Promoter can challenge the 'locus standi' (the right to be heard) of petitioners if he considers that they are not specially and directly affected (see guidance)

## House of Commons Select Committee

- Similar but different to Departmental Select Committees
- No route MPs or MPs linked to the project
- Membership drawn from proportional make-up of the House
- Quasi-judicial (operates more like a court)
- Decides 'locus standi' challenges at outset
- Hears petitions against the Bill presented to it
- Considers any Additional Provisions to the Bill brought forward by the Promoter
- Can amend but cannot reject the Bill (the principle of the Bill is assured at Second Reading)
- Formal decisions of Select Committee published in Special Report  
(see Phase 1 report at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/news-parliament-20151/hsr-london-west-midlands-bill-report-published-15-16/>)
- Promoter responds to Select Committee report

## House of Commons Select Committee





## House of Lords Select Committee

- Similar but different to normal Select Committees
- No Peer with a conflict
- Traditionally chaired by a Crossbencher, with membership drawn from proportional make-up of the House
- Quasi-judicial (operates more like a court)
- Decides locus standi challenges at outset
- Anyone 'directly and specially affected' by the Bill can petition
- Hears petitions against the Bill presented to it
- Cannot require Promoter to bring forward an Additional Provision
- Can amend but cannot reject the Bill (the principle of the Bill is assured at Second Reading)
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## Environmental Minimum Requirements etc

- Code of Construction Practice
- Planning Memorandum
- Heritage Memorandum
- Environmental Memorandum
- Register of Undertakings and Assurances

But also:

- Information Papers
- Guide for Farmers & Growers

All can be found on the Bill related section of the HS2 Ltd website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-to-crewe-bill#the-bill>

## Phase 2A Bill indicative programme

First Reading	17 July 2017
EIA/EqIA consultation	17 July - 30 September 2017
Second Reading	January 2018
Petitioning period	February 2018
Commons Select Committee start	March 2018
Royal Assent	Late 2019

Questions?