

Panel lends support to HS2 art strategy

A first HS2 Independent Design Panel meeting has been held to discuss an emerging arts strategy. This was part of a series of meetings on thematic topics and strategic themes.

Sarah Weir, formerly Head of Public Art at the Olympic Delivery Authority, has been appointed by HS2 Ltd to undertake a short study considering the potential for art along the route. Working in partnership with HS2's Technical Directorate, Sarah has developed some initial ideas for presentation to the Phase 1 Board.

The Design Panel meeting was chaired by Professor Sadie Morgan, and attended by Sir Nicholas Serota and Marie Bak Mortensen. They offered their support to the compelling proposition made by Sarah Wier, under the tagline of HS2ART: connects.

The panel suggested three areas where there is great potential for art: stations and their approaches; civil engineering structures; and the experience of the traveller. Each of these will require its own approach.



RUN by Monica Bonvicini 2011, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
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There will be early opportunities for art at the construction stage, to enrich temporary buildings and structures such as site hoardings. Alongside these temporary art commissions, the panel recommends identifying a small number of art projects that will be permanent. These should be bold and not too many.

The Design Panel offered its warm support to the initial study, which is exactly in line with the panel's expectation in terms of ambition and quality. The recommendation of the design panel is that HS2 Ltd builds on the initial study and creates a framework within which opportunities for temporary and permanent art installations can be realised.

Design Panel activities August - September 2016

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- 'Bite-sized learning' presentation to HS2 Ltd staff in Birmingham and mentoring by Luke Pearson on product design
- Meeting to agree the arrangements for the Euston Station Design Panel

Mentoring and desktop reviews

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- Temporary site accommodation at the National Temperance Hospital site in Camden
- Phase 2b route in Sheffield and South Yorkshire - proposed M18 corridor route
- Station design procurement
- HS2 Art strategy

Workshops

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- Phase 2a Design Panel Programme Workshop - chaired by Tony Burton and attended by HS2 Ltd staff. The purpose of this meeting was to agree which thematic topics and location specific projects would benefit from Design Panel comments

Full review

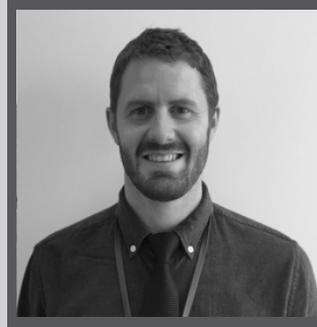
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- Monthly Design Panel Team Meeting - August
- Briefing on the Design Panel for HS2 Ltd staff in London
- Quarterly Governance Advisory Panel Meeting
- Monthly Design Panel Team Meeting - September
- Briefing meeting with the Department for Communities and Local Government

Briefing and governance meetings



Western ticket hall, King's Cross St Pancras
Peter Evans was Design Director for this project at Arup



James Dearing
Design manager, Technical
Directorate, HS2 Ltd

Panel welcomes new engineering experts

We are pleased to announce that three new engineering experts have been invited to join the HS2 Independent Design Panel. A large proportion of panel meetings require engineering expertise, and we are delighted that Professor Campbell Middleton, Peter Evans and Angus Low have agreed to be involved.

Professor Campbell Middleton is the Head of Construction Engineering at Cambridge University. Before Cambridge, he worked for nearly 10 years in professional practice in infrastructure construction and design.

Peter Evans recently retired as a Director of Arup, having joined as a graduate in 1969. His work over the past 20 years has been on predominately transport related projects, including Terminal 5 Heathrow, the Thameslink works for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link and Canary Wharf Crossrail.

Angus Low has spent almost all of his career designing (or independently checking) a wide variety of bridges, steel and concrete, small and large, UK and abroad, working with Arup. Since retiring in 2011, he has continued working in bridge design as a consultant, and has been developing the theory of Track-Bridge Interaction.

People's stories

James Dearing has joined HS2 Ltd as Design Manager, having previously worked at Samsung, Dyson and Avon Rubber on projects ranging from mobile phones, vacuum cleaners, hand dryers, fans and breathing respirators. At Dyson he was responsible for managing the design, testing and manufacture of lifetime filtration, Dyson's latest advancement in dust filtration technology.

In his role as part of the Technical Directorate James has been working with Frame Projects to develop a timely programme of design panels over the next five years. He also takes responsibility for reviewing HS2 Ltd's responses, next steps and actions taken. Where issues raised by the panel require working across different teams at HS2 Ltd or senior management decisions, James together with Chris Lees ensure these are followed through.

James will also be helping to keep the panel informed of the way in which HS2 Ltd responds to recommendations, reporting emerging themes and panel impact, as well as reporting on this to the Department for Transport.

HS2 Ltd CEO role

Simon Kirby, Chief Executive of HS2 Ltd, has announced that he will be taking up a new role as Chief Operating Officer at Rolls Royce at the end of the year. Roy Hill has been appointed as interim CEO and will take up this post in November. Recruitment for the permanent role is under way with appointment expected in mid 2017.



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