

## **Publication of the Additional Mitigation Plan**

The Colne Valley Regional Park Panel is pleased to announce that it has published its 'HS2 Additional Mitigation Plan' for the Colne Valley Regional Park and is in the process of developing some of the projects for delivery.

The Panel, which is an independent body made up of 15 organisations, has a fund of £3 million for projects that will enhance the Colne Valley Regional Park and help to offset the impacts of High Speed 2 construction. These projects are in addition to the mitigation that High Speed 2 Limited will carry out, as shown within their Environmental Statement.

Public exhibition events were held in February 2017 to showcase the 14 projects included in the Additional Mitigation Plan. These projects aim to enhance a wide range of park uses, including improvements for wildlife, footpaths, cycle routes and recreation, and regeneration of disused land. The Additional Mitigation Plan can now be downloaded from the UK Government website via:

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-additional-mitigation-plan-for-colne-valley>**

The Panel have chosen 5 projects to develop further at this stage, and aim to deliver some projects as construction of the scheme commences. The selected projects will also be developed to a stage that can influence the HS2 main works contractor's design. Please note that it is still the Panels intention to secure delivery of all projects within the plan, either by delivery from HS2 or alternative funding streams.

The currently selected projects are:

Project 1 – Broadwater Lake Area

Project 2 – Tilehouse Lane Woods Area

Project 6 – Western Valley Slopes (to be delivered post-construction but design is being developed now to influence the HS2 scheme)

Project 9 – Recreational Routes

Project 14 – Wildlife Improvements

An outline of these projects can be found in the Additional Mitigation Plan. The Panel are currently in the process of working up these projects in more detail; please contact the Panel directly via [CVRPPanel@aol.co.uk](mailto:CVRPPanel@aol.co.uk) with any questions you may have.

As some of the projects fall both in and outside of the limits of the Act, HS2's main works contractors will work with the Panel to integrate the additional mitigation works with HS2 Ltd's Environmental Statement mitigation, so far as is reasonably practicable. The Additional Mitigation Plan also makes some proposals to HS2 Ltd on the design of HS2's mitigation and restoration schemes as shown in the Environmental Statement. HS2 Ltd has welcomed these and, in accordance with its commitments, will have regard to these proposals within the constraints of the main works contract, the Act and the railway.

The meeting minutes of the Colne Valley Regional Park Panel and the Terms of Reference are publicly available (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-colne-valley-regional-park-panel>).