


Community Engagement

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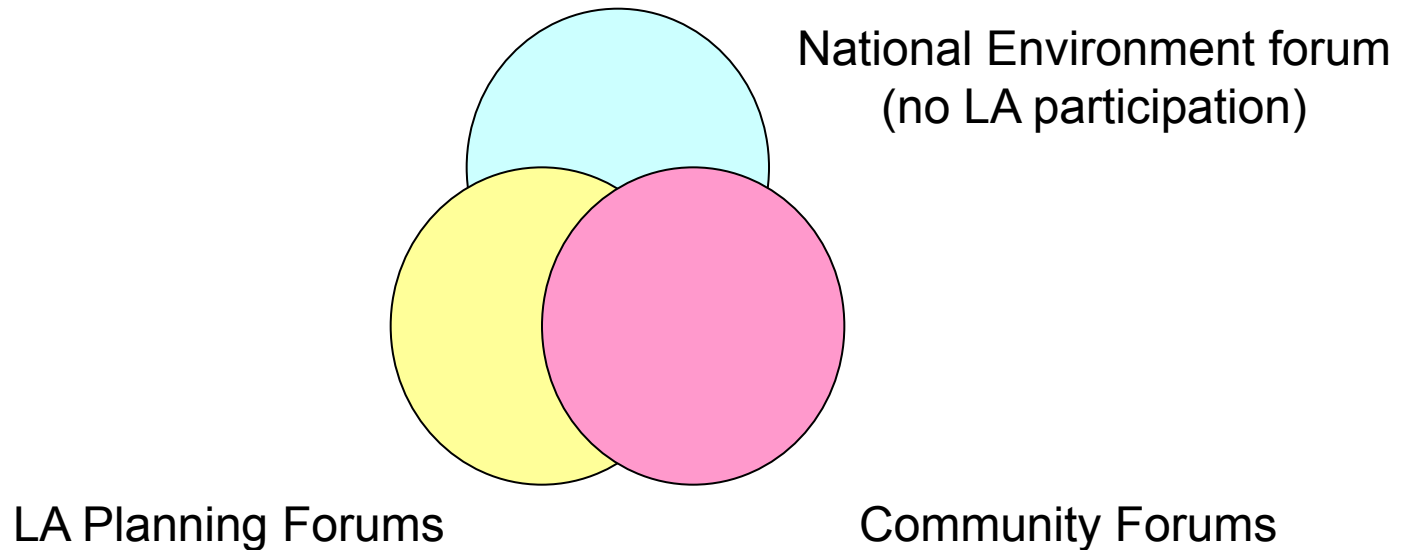
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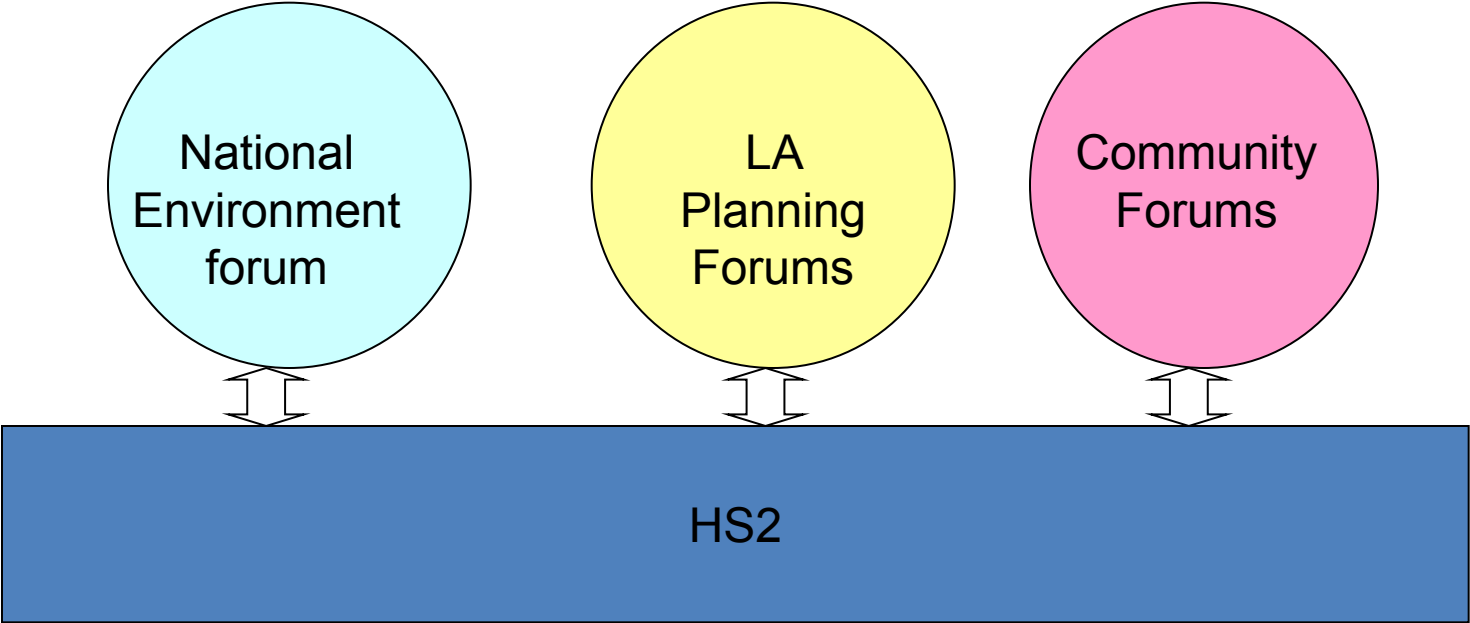


Forums: overall concerns

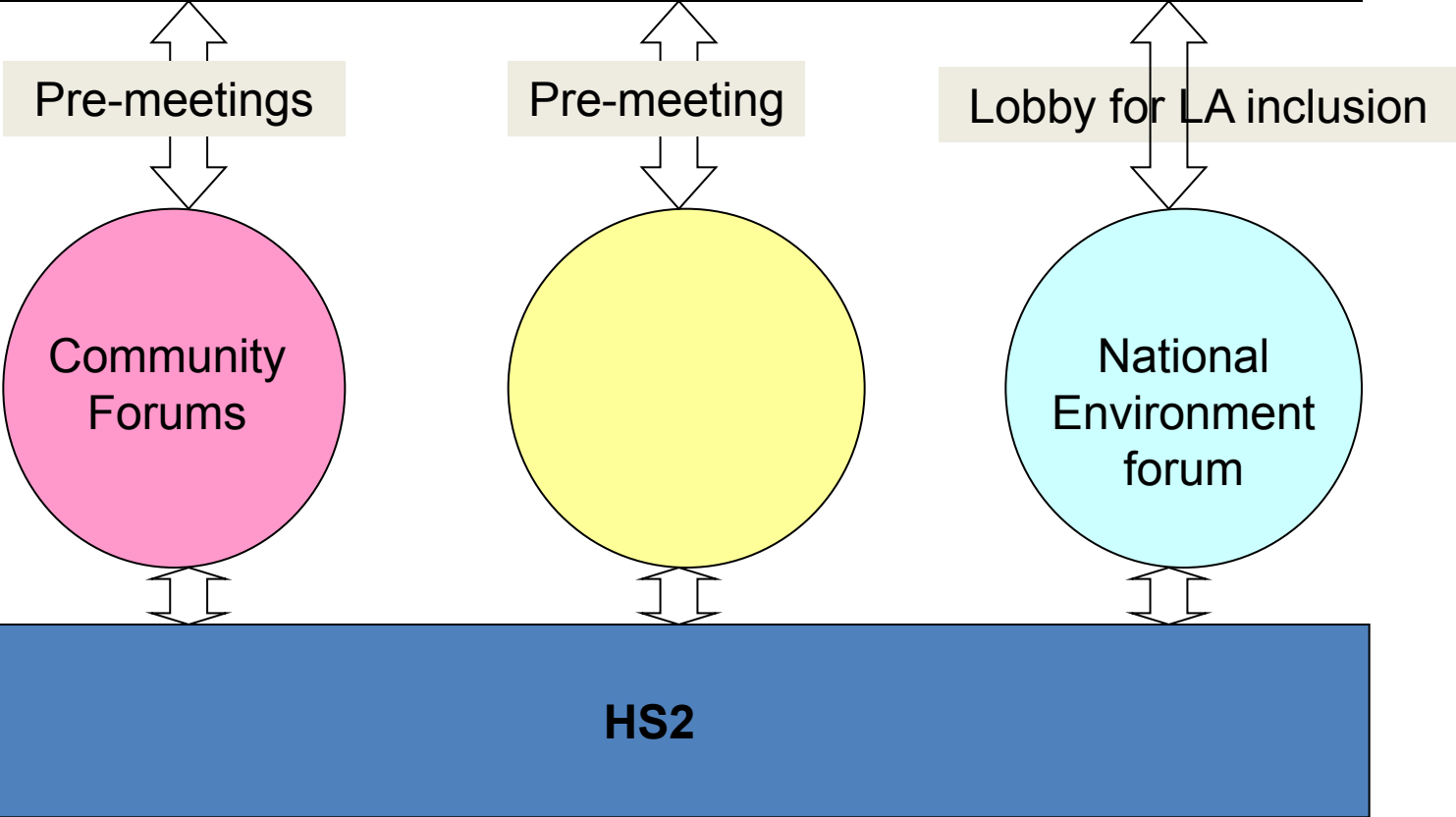
- Is this a meaningful process and how can it be made to be?
 - Influencing the process and standard of mitigation
 - Conduct of meetings / standard of chairing
 - Geographical extent of forums – e.g. one forum for AONB
 - Confusion over budget for mitigation and how distributed
 - Sharing outcomes of bi-lateral meetings
 - ‘Divide and rule’ approach
 - Need for timely, accessible and appropriate information
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HS2 Forum Structure







Buckinghamshire Mitigation and Compensation Panel
'Steering' group of local authorities and other stakeholder groups




How the Panel can help

- Coordinate between forum meetings
 - Coordinate across forums
 - Coordinate across authorities
 - Press for 'whole-line' approach to issues where appropriate
 - Record commitments made by HS2
 - Press for highest possible standards of mitigation
 - Promote consistency of policy and mitigation
 - Coordinate information and advice to forums
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Concerns - construction

- HS2 will develop Code of Construction for whole line
Local construction impacts and issues need to be set out and agreed
 - Points and routes of access (including new/temporary accesses)
 - Location and restoration of construction compounds
 - Heavy vehicle routeing
 - Process for monitoring and reporting (non) compliance with agreed codes and practices
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Mitigation

- Mitigation includes all measures to reduce damaging impacts
 - Offsetting includes measures to replace habitats or other features where damage cannot be avoided
 - Tunnelling options are within scope
 - Noise contour maps sought – with and without mitigation
 - Structures to be designed to highest possible standard
 - Infrastructure to have minimal impact
 - Mitigations may interact – look for ‘best fit’ within competing tolerances
 - Landscaping and environmental management principles
 - Land fragmentation and subsequent management
 - Location of shafts and electricity substations and associated infrastructure.
 - HS2 to pay for independent advice for community forums
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Workshops

- Workshop 1
 - Series of Yes/No questions based on feedback
 - Test and confirm opinion
 - Aim to present results after coffee
 - Workshop 2
 - Preparing for the next round of forum meetings
 - List of primary issues
 - Prioritise
 - What's needed next?
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