Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group Meeting Notes – 16th March 2017

Date &	16 th March 2017
time:	Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton,
	London, W1T 5AY
	11.00 – 13.30
Chair:	Helen J Wass

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Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions	Chair
2	Phase One Forward Look	HS2 Ltc
	MC provided an update and forward look about the Phase One programme.	
	Some Schedule 17 applications for ecological habitat creations have been submitted.	
	Awareness and involvement of members by their LPAs in the pre-application discussions was raised.	
	An understanding of the long-term maintenance and management was sought – as this has an impact in particular on setting.	
	MC confirmed that consideration was given to setting as the design progressed.	
	The question of alternative locations for ponds was mentioned.	
	MC noted that the ponds were within the LLAU and so there was limited opportunity for substantial relocation – movement could often just alter the concern.	

	Whore a requirement for archaeological works has been	
	Where a requirement for archaeological works has been identified then works will be carried out in accordance with the HERDS.	
3	Schedule 17 PG presented the planning regime determined in the Act and set out in Schedule 17.	HS2 Ltd
	He outlined the specific approvals needed to be sought form the LPAs	
	Grounds for refusal are limited but include an impact on a site of archaeological and historical interest.	
	Some 2,000 Schedule 17 applications for Phase One are anticipated.	
	 A concerns were raised regarding: the tight timescale for responses. how districts will inform the county and other specialist colleagues – would they make the correct judgement to involve the county? how were curators and conservation offices be forewarned of upcoming? 	
	Programme information for Schedule 17 was requested to enable effective dialogue	
	ACTION: HS2 to provide a programme	
	PG outlined the importance of pre-application.	
	Once submitted then if, for example, a change was accepted by HS2 as 'reasonable' then there would be an extension of time.	
	However, PG noted that it was in everyone's best interest for the pre-application discussions to be effective and proportionate to ensure that once applications were submitted then there were no changes required.	
	HJW noted that there would be discussions with curators and conservations offices regarding the development of project plans and so there was a need to cross refer these activities to all parties.	
	ACTION : HS2 to provide a report to the Planning Forum on heritage.	

4	Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy JH outlined the progress of the HERDS, notably the ongoing development of the digital platform. Will the group/consultees have access to the HERDS digital platform or will the SharePoint continue? HS2 noted that the digital platform would link to SharePoint and levels of access would be determined. What version of various software would be required? ACTION: HS2 to send out information as development progresses. Would HS2 send fieldwork report to HERs? HS2 aware that there needs to be a workshop with HER officers to identify options. ACTION: HS2 to arrange.	HS2 Ltd
5	SharePoint HS2 presented outlined the system, its workings and 'requirements' in response to issues regarding accessing the SharePoint site established by HS2 to post reports. HS2 will refreshing the front end for clarity and will be sending out new login details. The need to use it regularly was highlighted. Members noted that some of the difficulties may be their own organisational IT set up.	
6	AOB The next meeting will be in Birmingham 13 th June 2017. Agenda items requested. Will the HERDS be released publically? HS2: Yes, as previously stated at the December 2016 meeting. Was there any update regarding museum archive/deposition.	

HS2 stated that there was an ongoing workstream relating to solutions, building on the works done previously.

Terms of Reference: no comments received baring the two relating to frequency. HS2 to revise ToR in line with the draft issued before this meeting and close it out.

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