



LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS HERITAGE SUB-GROUP

NOTES

DATE: 24th June 2014
TIME: 1.30-4.30 pm
VENUE: Arup, 8 Fitzroy Street, London, W1T

1	Introduction
2	Phase One Update
	<p>Hybrid Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HS2 Ltd outlined the next stage of the Bill process - the Committee stage, where detailed examination of the Bill takes place. This includes a petitioning period during which those specially and directly affected by the Bill can petition. These petitions are considered by the Select Committee, which may result in amendments to the Bill. <p>Archaeology & heritage works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated on non-intrusive survey<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HS2 Ltd advised that further survey work had been instructed and LA Archaeologists would be contacted in due course.• Procurement of the archaeology and heritage framework<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Concern from LA Archaeologists about who would be responsible for monitoring the site works.○ HS2 Ltd responded that HS2 Ltd was effectively the 'county archaeologist' for the works and that like other projects (Crossrail/HS1) there was likely to be a team responsible for project management and delivery of the works.• Risk model<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HS2 advised that the risk model was being reviewed and would be reported on at the next HSG.• Research Strategy/framework<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HS2 Ltd noted that they had undertaken preliminary conversations with English Heritage regarding the scope/shape of a research strategy/framework for HS2.○ LA Archaeologists were concerned that they would not be involved in discussions and noted that they may have differing views to EH.○ HS2 Ltd responded that it was necessary for HS2 Ltd to start

	<p>somewhere to ensure that future discussions with the HSG could be fruitful.</p>
3	Heritage Memorandum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 provided a table of all comments received from the HS-G, explaining the programme for the revision of all EMRs • A common concern from all HS-G members was that setting & landscape inadequately addressed in EMRs. • HS2 Ltd to provide a response to comments in advance of next HSG meeting.
4	Generic Written Scheme of Investigation: Built Heritage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 Ltd presented on the development of the generic WSI for Built heritage providing an outline of the document content. <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for “building history” to be adequately specified in to the WSI. • The inclusion of non-designated, locally listed and/or important heritage assets, including elements of the streetscape should be included. • Salvaging and the need to develop a ‘strategy’ relating to the identification and retention of elements for salvage.
5	Setting and Built Heritage
	<p>Chiltern District historic buildings officer’s presentation (attached) used examples of the effects of HS2 on built heritage assets in Chiltern to illustrate wider concerns regarding the identification of significance, the impact a series of assets and their setting within the rural landscape, e.g. at Hyde End (exposed section between 2 tunnels) & elsewhere, and a concern that there was inadequate work to design mitigation of the impact on setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 Ltd stated that there is a general commitment for the Nominated Undertaker to lessen the effects reported in ES and that Schedule 16 of the Bill sets out the role local planning authority in approving detailed design. • The impact of HS2 works on the long term viability of historic buildings was raised; there was a concern that such properties could become blighted by the scheme, becoming ‘problem buildings’ for local authorities. A mechanism was required for ensuring the long term viability of assets. • HS2 Ltd to review existing information on this issue and highlight relevant elements to the HS-G. • There are a number of opportunities inherent in the Scheme that HS2

	<p>Ltd should put to good effect, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making the most of salvaged historic elements, improving setting and associated historic landscapes, e.g. at Stoneleigh Abbey.
6	Noise Insulation and Heritage Buildings
	<p>HS2 Ltd presented a summary of its approach to controlling noise from the construction and operation of the railway. This included how properties eligible for noise insulation will be identified and the particular issues that will need to be considered when planning the installation of noise insulation measures to heritage buildings. Issues covered in this agenda item included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that a balance will be required between providing noise bunds etc. to mitigate effects at source (impacts on landscape and setting) vs. providing insulation at individual receptors (and lessening impact on the landscape) • Will owners of listed buildings have a say in how noise insulation implemented? • HS2 Ltd Information Paper E23: <i>Control of Construction Noise and Vibration</i> sets out the noise insulation and temporary re-housing policy for the construction phase. • Queries over how ‘tranquillity’ (in terms of heritage setting) has and will be assessed and the data used to inform the assessment. NB: ‘tranquillity’ has a specific definition in terms of the noise specialists. • HS2 Ltd reappraised the assessment of setting for assets which makes use of the results of the noise assessment, as per EH guidance.
7	Community Engagement
	Held over to next meeting.
8	Other Matters Raised
	HS2 Ltd to arrange a meeting regarding archive deposition.
9	Summary & Close
	<p>Next meeting late September 2014, venue to be advised</p> <p>Items for that agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement • Feedback on the draft WSIs for Archaeology & Built Heritage • Feedback on HS2/DfT response to comments made on the draft Heritage Memorandum • Risk model