

Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group Meeting Notes – 26th Sept 2017

Date & time:	26th Sept 2017 2, Snow Hill Birmingham 10.30 – 13.00
Chair:	Helen J Wass

Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions	Chair
2	Phase 1 Update Presentation slides provided. The HS2 Phase 1 historic environment lead and Area North historic environment manager provided general programme updates for Areas South, Central and North respectively.	HS2 Phase 1
3	EWC Area North Update Presentation slides provided. The EWC historic environment manager for Area North provided an overview of their contract works, organisations of the JV and specifically the historic environment team. They outlined their work on heritage asset density mapping to provide an overview by period and patterns of activity, the re-examination of the lidar data, and further geophysical survey work. The approach to other non-intrusive survey work was discussed including historic settlement/ landscape study, historic building appraisals, Palaeolithic/geological landscape study and railway/industrial infrastructure study The programme was outlined and access discussed.	LM/DJV (WSP)

	<p>They presented their overview of sites and their opportunities, e.g. Dalehouse Farm, Park Street Gardens, Watling Street and Hints Cutting</p> <p>Community engagement was highlighted and the range of options, including community research hubs was discussed.</p> <p>Questions and Discussion Fusion asked if the heritage density maps would link into to HS2 GViewer?</p> <p>HS2 stated that this was being looked at, as was linking that to the HERDS objectives.</p> <p>DJV noted that this mapping assisted with their planning of the works, identifying gaps.</p> <p>SCC asked about how HERs get data and what the timings for that delivery was.</p> <p>HS2 are aware of the forthcoming ALGAO UK HER meeting which will be discussing HER data and infrastructure projects. HS2 looked forward to learning of the issues discussed.</p> <p>Post meeting note: Meeting held 25th Sept 2017 for initial discussion regarding HER and HS2 data.</p> <p>NCC liked the idea of period thematic mapping in order to plan work and that it was good to have visuals.</p> <p>Fusion noted the opportunity to rationalise the design approval process.</p> <p>HS2 confirmed that discussion and review of that process was ongoing with Fusion and the other EWCs.</p> <p>HS2 noted that now the EWC are working with the processes it as good to hear how they were working and could be improved.</p>	
4	<p>EWC Area Central Update</p> <p>Presentation slides provided.</p> <p>The EWC historic environment manager for Area Central provided an overview of their contract works, organisations of the JV and specifically the historic environment team.</p>	Fusion

	<p>The known sites and work package breakdown, sequence of key activities, programme lead times and approach was explained for the archaeological contracts.</p> <p>11 major sites were already identified and up to c 50 further locations that may be investigated.</p> <p>Also underway were heritage asset setting surveys; built heritage recording- listed, non-listed and locally important; historic landscape recording and research.</p> <p>They outlined their approach to the works including maximising magnetometry coverage and the sequence for decision making as to the nature and extent of works.</p> <p>They outlined the blank area process they had developed to aid decision-making.</p> <p>Community engagement was highlighted and the range of opportunities discussed.</p> <p>Questions and Discussion</p> <p>GLAAS asked how Areas Central and South respectively will work together across the Colne Valley.</p> <p>Fusion confirmed that it is setting up a meeting to discuss how between the two contacts the overlap could best be addressed.</p> <p>BCC asked how far Fusion had got with contacting local groups. Fusion confirmed their liaison with Bucks Arch Soc and that they are looking at opportunities for surface artefact collection and possibly round Grim's Ditch.</p> <p>HE noted that grassland mitigation and sustainable placement locations would be challenging for archaeology. HE sought assurance that Natural England would be involved in process.</p> <p>Fusion confirmed that they are already alerting the designers to areas where it won't be appropriate to deep dig or plant. The specialist teams are involved and sites will be dealt with on case by case basis.</p> <p>HS2 reminded the group of the integrated design process whereby Fusion and the other EWC work with other disciplines during the development of the design.</p>	
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	<p>HE liked the approach to blank areas, as did NCC however they queried who makes the decision on significance and when to do more work?</p> <p>Fusion confirmed that was them and the HS2 HERDS team in discussion with LAs.</p> <p>NCC asked what if local groups want to look at areas where perhaps HS2 research objectives were less focused – could this be catered for? If yes then it would be helpful to identify such areas in advance.</p> <p>Fusion agreed that this would be useful although much was dependant on timings and programme. These opportunities were in the HERDS already.</p> <p>DJV noted that there was a need talk to communities first on what was practicable and deliverable. DJV is at an early stage of engagement conversations.</p>	
5	<p>EWC Area South Update</p> <p>Presentation slides provided.</p> <p>The EWC historic environment manager for Area South was represented by MHI. They provided an overview of their organisations of the JV, its historic environment supply chain and previous experience of major infrastructure works. The composition of their historic environment team was set out.</p> <p>They provided an overview of known archaeological sites and built heritage assets, notably those around Euston and the Colne Valley.</p> <p>The programme for the priority work packages and forthcoming work packages was outlined.</p> <p>Community engagement was highlighted and the range of opportunities discussed, including a volunteer programme for gravestone recording at St James’s Gardens, the use of the Time Truck and doing five mapped walks with volunteers to record setting.</p> <p>The links with academic institutions was also highlighted.</p>	CSJV/MHI

6	Update on media opportunities A representative for Lion TV presented on the TV series in development for the HS2 historic environment works. They outlined the experience of the company in archaeological and historic programming.	Lion TV
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