

**Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group
Meeting Notes – 13th June 2019**

Date & time:	13 th June 2019: 14-17.00 Two Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham. B4 6GA
Chair:	M. Court

Item	Topic	Lead
	Presentations attached	
1	Welcome and introductions	Chair
2	Safety moment	
3	<p>Area South</p> <p>CR Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge congratulations to CR who won the Best Female Construction Contractor at the European Women in Construction and Engineering Awards <p>ET Presentation (S2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK raised a point about density of features in S2 compared to central London. There is a need to look at landscape context and historic landscape analysis. • LAM asked about LEAN as a way of demonstrating that other factors can be the cause of delays on site rather than the preconception that it is archaeologists. • CR clarified that LEAN is developed by the construction team for transparency and problem-solving. It helps to break down the mystique between archaeology and construction, which benefit all parties on site. 	
4	<p>Area Central</p> <p>JC Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAM asked about triggers for mitigation from trenching at North Portal • JC said they assessed the evidence from the evaluation in the context of the HERDS objectives and determined that it was sufficient to for further work. • LAM asked about pre-trenching test-pitting, and if results from topsoil test pitting would change how trenches were 	

	<p>subsequently excavated; what the methodological changes were made in the trenching?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH replied that in certain cases this may trigger a different response if significant levels of material were recorded. • JW opened the question to the HSG inviting solutions for the topsoil sampling question • Post meeting note: topsoil sampling gives a broader landscape level understanding of the distribution of material in the ploughsoil, which is particularly useful for earlier prehistory where sub surface features are less likely to survive. It is not necessarily a direct indicator of sub-surface deposits. • JC discussed preservation in situ at Dews Farm where significant prehistoric remains have been revealed. • SK was pleased to hear that was the result. • NS noted that because it is a habitat creation site there is ongoing maintenance which benefits preservation in situ. • Post meeting note: further discussion/information exchange has occurred between SK and NS. • CR asked about timescales for environmental processing • JC said that they were sampling selectively • JW said HE were helping to focus sampling early on in project plan phase • SK asked about Grim's Ditch • JC replied that they should be in a position to talk about progress by the next HSG 	
	<p>Area North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJF complimented the community engagement event at the Coffin Works Birmingham. Also good to see events and blogs on the HS2 CommonPlace web site 	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM asked for information about what is being done about built heritage settings. Concern that wasn't enough being done by the MWCC to feed heritage into main works design. • JM to speak to EK regarding how they are considering setting in design • HS2 to feed back to CM • SJF noted that Historic Environment apprenticeship standards are now out. Highlighted the opportunity for the supply chain, also a future meeting to hear from Historic England who are keen to promote. • SK – asked about a point of contact for the HERDS platform • HS2 replied that MC, JH and CJ could all answer questions about the platform • LAM – asked about the archiving meeting 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW – three options presented. Preference to local deposition.• LAM – selection toolkit should be used in project plans• SB asked for updates on Staffs sites• GR provided update	
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The September meeting will be in London: 17th September 10.30-13.300.</p> <p>Requested agenda items or volunteers to present on issues.</p>	