

**Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group
Meeting Notes – 16th June 2020**

Date & time:	16 th June 2020: 10.00-12.00 MS Teams: Virtually
eB ref	HS2-HS2-EV-MRC-000-000392
Chair:	HS2
	Presentations provided

Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions Values moment	Chair
2	Area North Update WSP provided an update on their works across Area North which included Crewe Farm Anglo-Saxon urned cemetery, Coleshill multi-period site most notably the moated manor and early 19 th century roundhouse at Curzon Street, Birmingham. Geoarchaeological works across Area North was summarised. The proposals for post excavation activity on the Park Street burial ground assemblages was highlighted. WSP also outlined their engagement work such as a series of webinars. Questions and discussion JC: How were Mesolithic sites/deposits discovered? AH: They were known area of potential and test pitting was used to target those areas. AC: Are webinars online? HS2: they will be online, they are being prepared. We will send the link round when they are uploaded.	
3	Area Central Update Fusion provided an update on their works across Area Central Fusion outlined their work on mitigation decision-making, including areas for research output, preservation by design, archaeological monitoring and construction integrated recording (CIR). The project plan for this works across Area Central is being prepared and they are working with the main works contractor on this. Fusion also highlighted the post-excavation assessment guidance issued by HS2. Questions and discussion SK: how was preservation by design controlled. He had revisited an area preserved from another project 15 years later and the results were not good.	

	<p>Fusion: earthworks methods and limits on subsequent activities have been/will be specified in Fusion documents. Fusion is setting out a matrix that sets out criteria that need to be met before Preservation in situ is adopted. Preservation in situ methods and monitoring conditions shall be set out in specific design documents.</p> <p>SK: monitoring and control is an important aspect of such work.</p>	
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4	Area South Update	
	<p>CSjv provided an update on their works across Area South which included works at Old Oak Common which revealed two turntables, Copthall North Medieval site and works a Newyears Green. Thematic approaches of geoarchaeology, landscape characterisation and medieval manorial studies were highlighted as were the dismantling of the Piscator statue and the investigation in advance of removing the Robert Stephenson statue.</p> <p>JF asked about storage of monuments HS2 discussed Heritage Agreement Method Statement, the store in Acton, and future discussions with stakeholders about where to put them back. Collaboration was ongoing with Euston Station designers for where to put them in better locations. E.g. Piscator is being put back in a place where significance is better shown.</p> <p>SK: noted that the value of historic landscape desk-based assessment has been critical in placing results in context and developing understanding about significance – commends it as an approach. SK: how do we use that information to inform future landscape design? How does the historic landscape understanding with nature conservation and landscape work that our colleagues will be doing? CM: raised concerns about landscape design being developed before heritage results were known and how quickly information was being incorporated into MW design. She was concerned that Sch 17 submissions were being presented without full landscape detail.</p> <p>HS2 noted that the full landscape detail came at a later stage in the Sch 17 process. HS2 to provide information on the design development process/Sch 17. HS2 confirmed that there was dialogue and information exchange between the contractors. There is a transfer of information and discussions between the Enabling Works and the Main Works contractors. HS2 noted that the HS2 Design Vision had heritage within it.</p> <p>ML: noted that the Edgcote results in particular would be useful to inform design and raised concerns that the proposals were not appropriate. HS2: in discussion with parties about the emerging design elements. HS2 to follow up with EK.</p>	
5	Built Heritage	
	<p>HS2 provided a verbal update on built heritage including the progress of Schedule 18, table 1 and table 2 documents. In particular, there are several method statements in progress for table 2 works.</p>	

	HS2 highlighted three trends for non-designated assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Railway infrastructureb. Rural vernacularc. Military infrastructure	
6	AOB	
	HS2 noted that the May monthly update had not been produced. The June update will be a bumper addition. Good feedback from on the format and use of Teams JF to email the Planning Forum to talk about exactly what she would like to discuss.	
	Next meeting: September Proposed agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Using GIS in Historic Environment2. Post excavation3. Community Engagement	

	<p>AOB</p> <p>Community engagement</p> <p>CDC recognised the wider project engagement about discoveries, but provided feedback that local communities would like to know more about what is going on in their areas, not just the major sites.</p> <p>HS2 noted that not all sites and locations were appropriate for immediate media or community reporting, and that many works were still at an early stage. Expectations need to be managed.</p> <p>Action: HS2 to review what information relating to ongoing historic environment works can be posted.</p> <p>Post meeting note: The HS2 website includes location specific information and is regularly updated:</p> <p>https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/whats-happening-near-you/</p> <p>https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.commonplace.is/overview</p> <p>Next meeting would be in Birmingham 13th June</p> <p>Venue: HS2 offices, Snow Hill</p> <p>Requested agenda items or volunteers to present on issues.</p>	
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