

**Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group
Meeting Notes – 15th December 2020**

Date & time:	15 th December 2020: 14.00-16.00 Virtually: MS Teams
Chair:	HJ Wass
eB ref	PH1-HS2-HS2-EV-MRC-000-000003

Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions	HS2
2	Memories of L-AM Tributes and memories of L-AM were shared	All
3	<p>Built Heritage Update (Presentation provided)</p> <p>CDC highlighted an issue that she experienced where contractor didn't show any knowledge of heritage consideration during design development meetings.</p> <p>CDC experience was that it is becoming apparent from pre-application discussion that consideration within the design process about the impact on settings is patchy. It is covered very briefly in the written statement that comes with the application as if it had been considered, but in some cases the designers are not even aware of any assets nearby. There was even confusion from the contractors about any obligation to provide any assessment or account of impact because it is all covered in the ES.</p> <p>CDC registered concern and given the principles in the Heritage Memorandum, and that we are looking at ways of modifying the design so to avoid harm to sites of historic interest, this was not acceptable.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Post meeting note: HS2 will result in harm, in some cases, to heritage assets. Para 4.2.2 of the Heritage Memorandum reflects this and uses the word 'reduce' not 'avoid'.</p> <p>SNC noted that there was no issue with assessment of setting, but rather it is about how setting is taken into consideration in landscape mitigation - i.e. in her view it is not being considered. She has raised this with HS2 directly.</p>	HS2

	<p>HS2 confirmed that The basic position is outlined in the Sch 17 Statutory Guidance (para 7.6): <i>'When considering requests for approval for which the grounds include the preservation of a site of archaeological or historic interest this ground should be taken to include the preservation of the setting of listed buildings. This ground should be applied in conjunction with other material considerations.'</i></p> <p>HS2 asked that CDC (and any LPA officer with concerns) discussed the specifics with their HS2 historic environment manager.</p> <p>ACTION: LPA officers</p> <p>HS2 proposed (and it was accepted) that this matter was discussed in detailed at the March meeting.</p> <p>HS2 will ask a town planner and a landscape specialist to attend that meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: HS2</p> <p>HS2 asked the group to co-ordinate through CDC and provide a presentation that distils concerns.</p> <p>ACTION: LPAs</p>	
4	Community Engagement, Skills, Education & Employment (Presentation provided) No questions	HS2
5	Area South Update (Presentation provided) No questions	CSjv
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6	Area North Update (Presentation provided) No questions	WSP/DJV
7	Area Central Update (Presentation provided) No questions	Fusion
8	AOB	
	<p>Next meeting: 16th March 2020 2-4pm</p> <p>Proposed Agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEF/BLEF Update • Built heritage & setting in the design process • Schedule 17 process 	