## Phase One Planning Forum – Heritage Sub-Group Meeting Notes – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Date & time:	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021: 14.00-16.30  Virtually: MS Teams
Chair:	HS2
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Item	Topic	Lead
1	Welcome and introductions	HS2
2	Values moment	HS2
	AREA 2021 SUMMARIES (presentations attached)	
3	Area South	HS2/SCS/ MDiv
	HS2 provided an update of EWC Works and interface with main works.	
	MDjv provided an update for the Euston area and a lookahead.	
	SCS provided a summary of Main Works heritage activities, including built heritage and integrated working.	
4	Area Central	Fusion
	Fusion provided a summary of discoveries and outlined the interface work ongoing between enabling works and main works colleagues.	
	Bucks CC requested that the image of the Roman wooden statue shown could be shared with BCC councillors	
	<ul> <li>Link to media pages below</li> <li><a href="https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/news/rare-roman-wooden-figure-uncovered-by-hs2-archaeologists-in-buckinghamshire">https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/news/rare-roman-wooden-figure-uncovered-by-hs2-archaeologists-in-buckinghamshire</a></li> </ul>	
	HE asked if a date had been established for the ridge and furrow and if material had been found beneath it.	
	Fusion confirmed that they had not been identified a good example in the field but post excavation might reveal more.	
	HCC asked whether work on Grim's Ditch had resulted in good dating material.	

	Fusion replied that it had not. So far there was nothing earlier than 1 <sup>st</sup> century AD.
5	Area North
	BucksCC asked about the success and take up of STEM activities - what buy-in has HS2 and the supply chain had in schools? Can HS2/supply chain recommend how to promote it as a STEM subject?
	WSP considered that the collective profile of and effort from a big project makes achieving these things easier.
6	High Performing Teams
	HE presented on high performing teams, reflecting the development of trust across the years that HS2, its supply chain and stakeholders. HE noted that there are lessons learned for future work streams to see how we can get to 'high performing' even quicker.
	Planning Forum Chair noted that the Heritage Sub-group functioned well.
	Post excavation and Archives
	HS2 provided an update on the post excavation procurement and archives, including that HS2 has now met with all line of route museums.
	WCC asked what would happen with the Solihull archive as there was no provision within the borough?
	HS2 replied that Birmingham Museum had indicated that it was likely to be able to accept that archive.
	Bucks CC asked if archive quantifications had been shared with the museums.
	HS2 confirmed that they had been shared, clarifying that selection was yet to be applied and so those volumes would reduce.
	StaffsCC HER highlighted the OASIS validation issue and the need for a prompt resolution.
	<b>HS2 Action:</b> HS2 confirmed that the matter was being discussed and a response would be forthcoming early in the new year.

7	AOB	
	HS2 asked members to provide their views on moving the sub-group meeting to a six-monthly cycle.	
	Views to HS2 by end of January 2022.	