

# Meeting minutes

## Phase 2b Planning Forum – Heritage Subgroup Minutes – February/March 2022

**Meeting date 1 and 2** Thursday 10 Feb 2022 and Wednesday 02 March 2022

**Meeting location** Teams online

Presenters	
<b>Chair &amp; Coordinator:</b>	Head of Heritage (HS2); Technical Engagement Manager (HS2)
<b>Meeting minutes:</b>	Technical Engagement Advisor (HS2)
10 February 2022	
Attendees	
Organisation	
	Carlisle City Council
	Cheshire East Council
	Cheshire West & Chester Council
	Cumbria County Council
	Manchester City Council
	Trafford Council
	Warrington Borough Council
	Wigan Council
	Historic England
	HS2 Ltd
02 March 2022	
Organisation	
	Dumfries and Galloway Council
	Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service
	Historic England
	HS2 Ltd

### 1 Agenda item – Introduction and Values Moment

1.1 Local Authority (LA) and Historic England (HE) attendees were asked to introduce themselves, which organisation they represent and their role. HS2 staff also introduced themselves. HS2 Ltd presented a ‘values moment’ in relation to one of the HS2 Core Value, **integrity**. HS2 Ltd, ran through the agenda for the meeting, and advised that the presentation will be circulated and added to the .gov website.

**Action 1: HS2 to circulate the presentation**

## 2 Agenda item – Project Update

- 2.1 HS2 Ltd gave an update on the overall HS2 Phase 2b project. HS2 Ltd provided details on the upcoming [Phase 2b 'HS2 Crewe to Manchester Bill' webinar dates](#). It was explained that further topic specific webinars will also be taking place, details of which could be found on HS2 events webpage, a link to the HS2 events page was included in the presentation. HS2 Ltd explained the overall programme for Phase 2b.

## 3 Agenda item – Hybrid Bill

- 3.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview of the contents of the hybrid Bill and the Environmental Statement. HS2 Ltd went on to explain the hybrid Bill process and what happens at each stage of the passage of the Bill through the Select Committee process. Links to resources associated with the Bill and the current Parliamentary consultation were provided.

## 4 Agenda item – Overview of Heritage subgroup

- 4.1 HS2 Ltd went through the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and explained the purpose of the Subgroup, HS2 Ltd also advised that the meeting minutes for the subgroup and Planning Forums will be made publicly available via the .gov website.
- 4.2 A query was raised regarding the frequency of these subgroup meetings. HS2 Ltd explained the frequency of other Planning Forum and associated subgroups varied (PF every 2 months, other subgroups every quarter). This was further discussed and is documented under the AOB below.

**Meeting break (10 mins)**

## 5 Agenda item – Structure of the Environmental Statement

- 5.1.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what the ES comprises, and where and how LA and HE can find what they need from a Heritage perspective.
- 5.2 **Agenda item – Volume 2 and Volume 4 (+maps)**
- 5.2.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what information you can find in the Volume 2, and Volume 4 reports. HS2 went on to explain how LA and HE can access the Volume map books and what each map book includes from a heritage perspective, as well as showing examples of the CT05, CT06 and CT10 map books.
- 5.3 **Agenda item – Vol 5 and BID (+maps)**
- 5.3.1 HS2 Ltd explained that more detailed information on Heritage is covered in the Volume 5 report and showed LA and HE how they can access this information. HS2 went through the summary gazetteer of heritage assets and the Volume 5 impact tables,

as well as showing examples of the risk model, and the Volume 5 Historic Landscape Character Area (HLCA) sheets.

5.3.2 HS2 Ltd advised where LA and HE can find the Heritage Background Information and Data (BID) as well as showing examples of text they will see within the documents. HS2 also showed example sheets of the full gazetteer, examples of the geophysical survey and remote sensing asset tables and explained what each of the reports contain and where to find them.

5.3.3 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on the maps and explained what each map included and where to find them.

### **Questions and Discussion**

Cheshire East Council: are the heritage assets plotted on the land require a map or would LA and HE have to overlay three different maps to see where the impact lies.

HS2 reply: several maps will need to be looked at to see where the impact lies on each heritage asset, it was also advised to use the CT05 and CT06 maps to use alongside the HE01 and HE02 maps

Trafford Council: does the BID include any map regression

HS2 reply: historic maps have been used as part of the assessment and are highlighted where relevant within the assessment (usually HE-001 baseline), and maps are fully referenced in the full gazetteer.

## **5.4 Agenda item – Volume 3 and Other (CoCP, IP\_E15, GWSI, SMR)**

5.4.1 HS2 Ltd showed where Volume 3 and the supporting documents are located, and then went on to explain the list of items found in the supporting documents and what information the documents include. Documents listed:

- 5.4.1.1. The Environmental Impact Scope and Methodology Report,
- 5.4.1.2. The Draft Code of Construction Practice (CoCP),
- 5.4.1.3. the Alternatives Report,
- 5.4.1.4. the planning data,
- 5.4.1.5. the Wider Effects Report,
- 5.4.1.6. the working draft Environmental Statement Consultation Summary Report and the Borrow Pit Report.

5.4.2 HS2 Ltd also explained the Archaeology Information Paper and the Burial Grounds Information Paper and included a link to both.

## **5.5 Agenda item – Finding an Asset (examples)**

5.5.1 HS2 Ltd showed two methodologies on how you can find an asset.

### **5.5.2 Questions and Discussion**

Trafford Council: general concerns about the application of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) methodology, and how HS2 Ltd have gone about assessing the heritage value of grade II listed buildings.

HS2 Ltd reply: the methodology set out within the HS2 Scope and Methodology Report (SMR) allows for professional judgement. The full gazetteer provides full context on how HS2 have assessed the value of grade II listed buildings.

Trafford Council: is there a map which shows significant landscape impacts which can be cross-referenced with listed buildings.

HS2 Ltd: did a live demonstration on where to find the Volume 2 landscape and visual impacts and where to find the photo montages.

## 6 Agenda item – Links and Next Steps

6.1 HS2 Ltd asked for suggestions on preferences for meeting frequency and potential topics at future meetings.

6.1.1 Manchester City Council made a request for HS2 Ltd to explain the CoCP and how it links with the information papers, as well as explaining how the legislation works from a heritage perspective.

6.1.2 HS2 Ltd confirmed that these queries can be included in the agenda for the next subgroup meeting, and HS2 will invite Town Planners to provide context and information of the process.

6.2 HS2 Ltd also explained that everything HS2 do from a heritage perspective links back to the Heritage Memorandum. HS2 Ltd shared the [HS2 Phase 2b Environmental Minimum Requirements](#) and the Phase 2b Draft [Heritage Memorandum](#) link via the Teams meeting chat box.

### 6.2.1 Questions and Discussion

Manchester City Council: is there is an opportunity to comment or feed into the Heritage Memorandum.

HS2 Ltd reply: the Memorandum is in draft until Royal Assent is given, and this subgroup will have the opportunity to comment on the draft.

6.3 Manchester City Council suggested that a feedback session in April to go through high-level items, such as The Bill, EMRs and Information Papers would be useful, HS2 Ltd to set up a meeting in April.

6.4 HS2 Ltd noted that a duplicate of this subgroup meeting would be held with those who were not in attendance today.

**Action 2: HS2 to find a date in April for the next Heritage Subgroup**

**Action 3: HS2 to invite Town Planner to the next Heritage Subgroup**

**Action 4: HS2 to add CoCP, Information Papers and legislation to the agenda for the next Heritage Subgroup**

Post meeting note: action 3 & 4 combined into one

# Addendum: Duplicate Heritage Subgroup 2 March 2022

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- 6.5 Due to technical difficulties with the distribution list, it was necessary to hold a repeat of the Phase 2b Heritage subgroup in early March. This meeting was a duplicate of that held on 10 February 2022.
- 6.6 The below represents a record of the meeting on 2 March 2022. Only deviations from or additions to the minutes from 10 February are recorded.

## 7 Agenda item – Introduction and Values Moment

- 7.1 A ‘values moment’ in relation to mental health and guilt was provided by HS2.

## 8 Agenda item – Project Update

- 8.1 For meeting on 3 March 2022 HS2 provided an update on the remaining [webinars and events](#) to take place.

## 9 Agenda item – Structure of the Environmental Statement

### 9.1.1 Questions and Discussion

Historic England: is there anywhere else we can find the borrow pits other than in the borrow pit report?

HS2 Ltd: Assessment of the effects/impacts of the borrow pits can be found within the Volume 2 and Volume 5 reports. The borrow pit sets out where the borrow pits are and why they are required. There are maps associated with the borrow pits, which can be found within the [CT-32 borrow pit map book](#), (this was linked in the presentation)

Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS): How did HS2 go about identifying non-designated assets within the assessment process? GMAAS raised general concerns regarding there should be more non-designated assets than has appear to have been identified within the assessment, we would like to know how HS2 have identified them. GMAAS also noted that they had no problems with the ES assessment.

HS2: HS2 have identified non-designated assets using the standard approach using HER data, site visits, map regression, Aerial Photographs and Lidar analysis, and non-intrusive surveys (where possible). The range of sources and methodology used are set out within the SMR. Volume 2 records significant effects on both designated and non-designated assets. All assets were assessed and can be found in Volume 5 and the BID full gazetteer.

Historic England: added that land access is at landowners' discretion prior to Royal Assent. The sources used within the assessment cover the industry standard, and that if any sources have been missed or additional knowledge is known to exist then HS2 would be keen to hear about this to include in future works.

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HS2: Following Royal Assent HS2 will undertake a programme of investigation, as it had on Phase One and Phase 2a. The ES is what HS2 know now but it is not the end of the conversation. The [Heritage Memorandum](#) (one of the EMRs) and [Archaeology Information Paper](#) (and the [Burial Grounds Information Paper](#)) sets out our approach to further works .

Historic England: Where there are areas of geoarchaeological interest HE would recommend geomorphic studies are undertaken ahead of any proposed investigation works.

HS2: Highlighted the ongoing programme of ground investigation (GI) works and results will be shared in due course. In addition, specialists have been undertaking studies to understand the geoarchaeological and palaeoenvironmental potential of the route as part of the development of the Phase 2b Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy (HERDS). Subgroup stakeholders have been involved in these discussions and workshops.

GMAAS: Noted that they could not find the historic maps and wanted to know why these maps had not been presented in the EIA or accompanying BID material.

HS2: the historic maps are listed in the full gazetteer and have been part of the EIA work. The amount of data is also immense which precludes publication as part of the hybrid Bill.