

Meeting minutes Phase 2b Planning Forum – Heritage Subgroup Minutes #1 – May 2022

Meeting date	Wednesday, 18 May 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	13:30 pm – 15:30 pm

Presenters
Coordinator & Chair: Head of Heritage HS2, Technical Engagement Manager HS2
Heritage: Head of Heritage HS2
EMR overview: Senior Town Planning Manager HS2
Meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire West and Chester
Manchester City Council
Trafford Council
Warrington Borough Council
Wigan Council
Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS)
Historic England
Department for Transport

1 Agenda item – Welcome and Values Moment

- 1.1 HS2 ran through the agenda and provided a values moment.

2 Agenda item – Action Log

- 2.1 HS2 took attendees through the actions of the previous Heritage subgroup meeting.

3 Agenda item – Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs) Overview

3.1 HS2 gave a high-level overview on the EMRs and the wider context of the EMRs.

4 Agenda item – Heritage Memorandum

4.1 HS2 gave an overview of the draft Heritage Memorandum and requested that attendees review and submit any comments on the document by the end of June.

Action 1: HS2 to circulate a comment sheet on the draft Heritage Memorandum and the CoCP (Historic Environment chapter)

5 Agenda item – CoCP Historic Environment

5.1 HS2 gave attendees an overview of the Code of Construction Practice, specifically Chapter 8 Historic Environment and explained the control measures to be implemented during construction.

Questions and Discussion:

Cheshire West and Chester asked if all documents will be made available via the Heritage Subgroup SharePoint

HS2 advised that a table will be created and uploaded onto the SharePoint to provide attendees with links to the Gov website, to ensure that the version that is signposted is always the latest revision

Action 2: HS2 to upload a table of links to the Heritage Subgroup SharePoint

6 Agenda item – Intro to Bill Schedules 18, 19, 20

6.1 HS2 provided a high-level introduction the Bill Schedules - 18 (Listed Buildings), 19 (Ancient Monuments) and 20 (Burial Grounds).

Questions and Discussion:

Manchester City Council asked at when in the process would HS2 seek to agree listed buildings with local authorities.

HS2 answered that at the next subgroup meeting, HS2 will take attendees through the Schedule 18 Heritage Agreements and associated processes.

Manchester City Council asked what happened if the scope of works change from what is set out in the Bill during detailed design.

HS2 explained how in this event, discussion of the specifics will be held, but essentially, should the scope change from that stated in the Bill, listed building consent may be needed.

Action 3: HS2 to include a discussion on Schedule 18 on the agenda for the next subgroup meeting. This will include the process relating to Heritage Agreements.

7 Agenda item – AOB (next meeting & agenda items)

- 7.1 HS2 raised agenda items for next meeting – schedule 18 being one of them and when attendees would like the next Heritage subgroup meeting. HS2 suggested another meeting to be held in mid-July and for attendees to submit their comments in advance of that meeting. It was also suggested by HS2 to hold the next meeting in person.

Questions and Discussion:

Trafford Council asked what date in July feedback would be required.

HS2 explained that a comment sheet will be circulated to attendees and suggested for comments to be sent back to HS2 by the end of June, so that HS2 can provide attendees to the proposed July meeting with some initial feedback.

Cheshire West and Chester Council queried the process for submitting comments and whether attendees submit comments direct or via authorities.

HS2 advised that a comment sheet will be circulated and explained how HS2 are expecting comments to come directly from subgroup attendees. However, there may be some internal governance within attendee's own organisations to be followed respectively.

Cheshire West and Chester Council asked if the draft Heritage Memorandum is available online.

HS2 advised that all documentation discussed were posted on the .gov website at the same time as the Environmental Statement.

Manchester City Council added to Cheshire West and Chester Council's point on the governance for local authorities; stating that there is often conflict regarding governance and process within local authorities when attendees are consulted individually and has been an issue previously at the Planning Forum.

HS2 acknowledged the point made that Local Authorities may need to take comments provided through their own governance procedures before final submission. The Technical Engagement Team will work with attendees to ensure they are given time to make comments in a timely fashion.

Manchester City Council asked where in Schedule 17 process should local authorities consult Historic England, and where is that requirement for the LPA to consult Historic England set out in the Bill.

Historic England detailed that matters of design come back to local council for approval, similar to 'reserved matters. Phase 1 and 2A Acts state where there is a site of historic or archaeological interest, LPAs should consult Historic England, but this broad approach is beyond Historic England's usual remit. The Phase 2b Bill has been amended to clarify when Historic England should be consulted by

the LPAs – essentially ‘business as usual’ consultation on Grade 1 and Grade 2* listed buildings and highly designated assets.

Action 4: HS2 to organise a meeting in mid-July (potentially in-person)

Action 5: Attendees to provide comments on the draft CoCP and draft Heritage Memorandum by the end of June

Action 6: HS2 to discuss with Town Planning colleagues regarding the anticipated governance for LPA comments to ensure that the Planning Forum and subgroups are aligned.