

Meeting minutes Phase 2b Planning Forum – Heritage Subgroup Minutes – July 2022

Meeting date	Thursday, 21 July 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	14:00 pm – 16:00 pm

Presenters
Coordinator & Chair: Head of Historic Environment HS2, Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Heritage: Head of Historic Environment HS2
Meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Manchester City Council
Trafford Council
Carlisle City Council
Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS)
Historic England
Department for Transport

1 Agenda item – Meeting Introduction and Values Moment

1.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 ran through the agenda and meeting etiquette, and asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Historic England then presented a values moment on integrity.

Action 1: circulate the presentation slides to attendees

2 Agenda item – Action Log

2.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 took attendees through the actions of the previous Heritage subgroup meeting.

3 Agenda item – Comment Sheet Feedback

- 3.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 gave an overview on the key themes from the comments received on the Historic Environment chapter of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and the Heritage Memorandum. She discussed the subsequent stages of governance within HS2 and the DfT in relation to providing feedback on the comments received.

Questions and Discussion:

Historic England suggested that an explanation of how the historic environment supply chain would work e.g., in a future meeting

HS2 agreed that the discussion would be useful once HS2 have determined its procurement strategy for Phase 2b.

4 Agenda item – Schedule 18 Listed Buildings

- 4.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 explained what is contained in Schedule 18 and Heritage Agreements and the process in advance of and after Royal Assent.

Questions and Discussion:

Manchester City Council queried the detailed design stage and when HS2 would seek to reconsider what they are doing, where the changes would be fed through in the process, and how Local Authorities will be notified.

Head of Town Planning, HS2 explained the different processes for buildings in tables 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 18. For buildings in table 1 which are most relevant to the questions, the Head of Town Planning, HS2 explained that the principle of the works is established by the Bill and when makes submissions under the Heritage Agreements it is not a requirement to again justify the works. However, the general obligation in the EMRs to seek to reduce effects will apply and this may lead to effect on listed buildings being avoided.

Historic England added that within the Heritage memorandum there is a statement that says HS2 will seek to reduce harm to affected buildings.

GMAAS asked what the approach was for non-designated heritage assets, specifically in relation to buildings.

Head of Historic Environment, HS2 explained that non-designated built heritage are included in the will be considered, and stakeholders will be engaged with too.

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

- 5.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 discussed holding a hybrid meeting in September, and had asked attendees if there were any agenda items they would like to add to the next meeting.

Questions and Discussion:

GMAAS queried whether the Golborne Link is now no longer part of the Proposed Scheme.

Head of Town Planning, HS2 confirmed that the Golborne Link has been removed from the Bill and is no longer relevant to this subgroup.

Trafford Council had stated that they would like more information on Heritage Agreements at the next subgroup meeting.

Head of Historic Environment, HS2 confirmed that they would provide further information on Heritage Agreements at the next meeting.

Action 2: HS2 to organise a hybrid meeting for September

Action 3: HS2 to add Heritage Agreements to the next meeting agenda