

Meeting minutes

Phase 2b Planning Forum – Heritage Subgroup

Minutes – October 2022

Meeting date	Thursday, 27 October 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenters

Chair: Head of Historic Environment HS2

Coordinator: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2

Heritage: Head of Historic Environment HS2

Meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2

Attendees

Organisation

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cumbria Council

Manchester City Council

Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS)

Historic England

Department for Transport

1 Agenda item – Meeting Introduction

1.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 ran through the agenda and meeting etiquette, and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

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 – HS2 Phase 2B Update

3.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 presented an update on the project thus far.

4 Agenda item – Schedule 18

4.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 took attendees through the three Schedule 18 Heritage Agreements Undertaking and the process.

HS2 also presented Phase One case study examples, from Melton Street (Table 1) and East Lodge (Table 2).

Questions and Discussion:

Manchester City Council asked for further detail on the procurement of secondary glazing and how HS2 would assess value and suitability for listed buildings.

Head of Historic Environment HS2, advised that HS2 will review this question with the subject matter experts and will provide further information.

Manchester City Council queried why there was no list of particulars prepared for Table 2 of Schedule 18.

Head of Historic Environment, HS2 advised that at this stage it is very difficult to know the details of what particulars might be required as HS2 don't know the detailed nature of the works.

Manchester City Council queried why HS2 are grouping assets together in the document if they require a bespoke approach.

Head of Historic Environment, HS2 explained that each building would have a bespoke method statements for LPA approval, within an overall Heritage Agreement.

Historic England added that the draft Heritage Agreements require stakeholders to sign up to the process and that it is important to distinguish when talking about signing documents; the Heritage Agreements and the Works details that will be submitted later, are two very separate aspects.

Manchester City Council requested copies of the Phase One documents to provide an understanding of the submissions

HS2 to check protocols for such circulation.

Action 2: HS2 to provide further information in relation to secondary glazing and listed buildings

Action 3: HS2 to check protocols for such circulation

5 Draft Heritage Memorandum and CoCP Chapter

5.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2 went through HS2/DfT responses to stakeholder comments on the Heritage Memorandum and CoCP chapter.

Cheshire West and Chester Council flagged the comments they made in regard to specific boundary assets on the Heritage Memorandum comment sheet.

Historic England provided a parish boundary example from Phase One and advised that Historic England will continue to work alongside Local Authorities to make the same points and recommendations on Phase 2B.

Manchester City Council noted that they had recently submitted comments on the draft Heritage Memorandum.

Head of Historic Environment, HS2 will review comments made by MCC and provide a response before the next meeting. HS2 will offer the opportunity for everyone to comments on the responses presented. HS2 will circulate responses prior to the meeting to enable subsequent discussion.

MCC requested a detailed meeting or a full agenda item to discuss the responses provided on stakeholder comments to enable a better understanding.

Action 4: HS2 to circulate responses in advance of the next meeting, to facilitate discussion.

Action 5: HS2 to arrange the next sub-group meeting, likely in the New Year.

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

- 6.1 Head of Historic Environment, HS2:
 - Reiterated the request for subgroup members to complete the comment sheet by 30th November
 - Discussed holding a meeting in the New Year focusing on the draft Heritage Memorandum/CoCP chapter
 - Asked attendees to submit any agenda items they would like to add to the next meeting