

Meeting minutes Phase 2b Planning Forum – Heritage Subgroup Minutes – June 2023

Meeting date	Thursday, 22 June 2023
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	13:00 pm – 15:00 pm

Presenters

Chair: Head of Historic Environment HS2

Coordinator: Technical Engagement Manager HS2

Project Update: Senior Policy Advisor, Department for Transport (DfT)

Schedule 18: Historic Environment Manager HS2

Historic England and HS2 Consultation: Inspector of Ancient Monuments & Senior Science Advisor, Historic England

Local Authority and HS2 Engagement: Archaeology Planning Advisory Service Chester East, West and Cheshire Council

Introduction to Historic Environment and Community Engagement: Historic Environment Specialist HS2

Attendees

Organisation

Cheshire East Council

Cheshire West and Chester

DfT

Historic England

Manchester City Council

Salford City Council

Westmorland and Furness Council

1 Agenda item – Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Technical Engagement Manager HS2, ran through the agenda and housekeeping.

Action 1: circulate the presentation slides to attendees.

2 Agenda item – Previous Meeting Minutes

- 2.1 Technical Engagement Manager HS2, provided an update on the status of the minutes from the March Heritage subgroup meeting, and explained where those minutes can be found.

3 Agenda item – Action Log

- 3.1 Technical Engagement Manager HS2, took attendees through the actions of the previous Heritage subgroup meeting.

4 Agenda item – HS2 Project Update

- 4.1 Senior Policy Advisor DfT, presented an update on the project thus far, highlighting that HS2 are waiting for the Select Committee to reach a decision on the underground station at Manchester Piccadilly.

5 Agenda item – Historic Environment Update

- 5.1 Head of Historic Environment as Chair HS2, gave an overview on the themes collated from subgroup members comments on the Heritage Memorandum and Code of Construction Practice. HS2 also advised that they had uploaded the Historic Environment Archive Strategy Phase One and 2a, the technical standards and the procedures onto the Heritage SharePoint for subgroup members information.
- 5.2 POST MEETING NOTE: Where LPAs consider that the Environment Statement has missed heritage assets, can the LPAs please continue to share their comments on missed assets as part of the HS2 consultation and petition engagement at the appropriate time.

6 Schedule 18

- 6.1 Historic Environment Manager HS2, outlined the Heritage Agreement process for listed buildings identified in Schedule 18 to the Act and shared their experience of Schedule 18 and the Heritage Agreements and how they have worked on Phase One.

7 Historic England and HS2 Consultation Formal and Informal

- 7.1 Senior Science Advisor and Inspector of Ancient Monuments Historic England, talked through their engagement on the project and how they and HS2 have developed as a team. Historic England also shared some case studies showing how the engagement has worked in practice.

Questions and Discussion:

Trafford Council asked if Historic England facilitate the consultation with local planning authorities.

The Chair HS2, advised that consultations are managed by HS2.

8 Local Authority and HS2 Engagement

- 8.1 Archaeology Planning Advisory Service Cheshire West and Chester Council, provided an overview and shared examples on their experience with HS2 engagement.
- 8.2 The Chair HS2, added that HS2 will discuss the programme for development of the Phase 2b West specific Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy (HERDS) at a future subgroup meeting.

Action 2: Agenda item for a future meeting to discuss the programme for development of the Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy.

9 Introduction to Historic Environment and Community Engagement

- 9.1 Historic Environment Specialist HS2, provided an overview and shared examples of community engagement from Phase One and provided an overview of how such engagement sits within the wider HS2 framework.

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

- 10.1 Head of Historic Environment HS2, presented the programme of topics the 2b Heritage subgroup have covered so far and also set out a list of potential future agenda items that HS2 believe members may be interested in.
- 10.2 Manchester City Council suggested having an agenda item on seeing real life examples where local authorities and/or Historic England have influenced the scheme.
- 10.3 Trafford Council also suggested for AP2 to be an agenda item when that comes forward.
- 10.4 POST MEETING NOTE: AP2 – the AP2/ SES 2 was published on 03/07/23 along with the process for consultation response and petition timescales. The LPAs are *advised that specific AP2 issues need to be raised as part of this consultation and engagement process.* You can

find out more about AP2 and the consultation by visiting <https://www.hs2.org.uk/the-route/crewe-to-manchester>.

Questions and Discussion:

Trafford Council queried if there are any deadlines for responding back to Schedule 18, the model undertakings and all other information shared on the Heritage SharePoint.

The Chair HS2, advised that deadlines will be clarified in an email shortly.

Action 3: HS2 to share examples of LPA/HE engagement that have influenced the scheme.

Action 4: Organise a hybrid meeting in Manchester.

Action 5: HS2 to email subgroup members to clarify deadlines on information shared.