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Dear Mr Wito

EUSTON SQUARE GARDENS EUSTON SQUARE LONDON
Application No. 2024/0741/HS2

Thank you for your letter of 23 February 2024 regarding the above application for consent under the Heritage Agreement (Schedule 18 'Listed Buildings') for High Speed Two (2017). On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your Authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Background

The railings around Euston Square Gardens are identified in Table 1 of Schedule 18 ('Listed Buildings') of the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017. This enables the grade II listed assets to be dismantled, removed and re-erected at a later date.

The subsequent Heritage Agreement of 20th February 2017 entered into by HS2 Ltd, London Borough of Camden and Historic England, requires method statements concerning the recording, removal and subsequent re-erection of these railings to be submitted for agreement as part of the development process.

Historic England provided comments on the Heritage Agreement Method Statement (HAMS) for the recording and dismantling of these railings in 2019 and the application was subsequently approved by your authority.

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Significance

The cast iron railings to Euston Square Gardens were originally erected in c.1869 as part of the remodelling of the square and lodges that formed the grand approach to Euston Station. Classical in style, they formed an important part of the aesthetic of the grandeur of Euston Station. The railings are of high quality and although much of the approach has been subsequently lost in the redevelopment of the station in 1962, the





railings, lodges and statue of Robert Stephenson survive and are designated heritage assets. The railings are listed Grade II.

The railings, which enclose the garden square, are in the tradition of London Garden Squares and perform an important function in this regard. They have been reordered several times and the railings to the eastern end of the gardens are historic fabric protected by the Grade II designation.

The proposals and their impact

The current HAMS relates to the repair and reinstatement of the railings upon completion of HS2 works at Euston.

The railings are identified in the accompanying report as being in good condition but that they have elements that need attention. These include open joints, failure of historic repairs and a missing spearhead finial.

The method statement sets out the details for their transportation back to Euston Square Gardens from safe storage and repair methodology for sections for E/27, E28 and E/29. This includes stripping back of the railings and specific areas for repair. This will be by doveled cold repair and welding, where necessary.

Position

I am content with the proposed methodology and ask that any photographic records be kept with an appropriate local archive for future reference if possible.

Yours sincerely

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