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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017

Schedule 18 - Heritage Agreement Approval

Address:

Euston Square Gardens
Euston Square
London

Proposal:

Heritage Agreement Method Statement for the reassembly and re-erection of the railings around Euston Square Gardens.

Drawing Nos: ITR- Repair To Heritage Railing (Document No. 1CP01-MDS-SE-REP-SS08_SL31-000001 Rev C03);

The Council as the Local Planning Authority & Qualifying Authority within the meaning of the above Act has **granted** permission subject to the following condition(s) and informative(s) listed below:

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting approval:

This application has been submitted by HS2 Ltd's nominated undertaker under Schedule 18 of the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Act 2017. It

seeks approval from the London Borough of Camden for the reinstatement for a section of railings around Euston Square Gardens.

Under the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Act 2017 listed building consent is disappplied for works to listed buildings and under Schedule 18 Table 1 they are authorised to demolish, alter or extend certain listed buildings. Camden does not control the principle of these works. However, there is a signed Heritage Agreement between Camden and the Secretary of State for Transport under which Camden can approve or refuse the details.

The grade II listed cast iron railings and piers date from the mid nineteenth century and enclose Euston Square Gardens. It is noticeable that in places, particularly on the north side of the square, the railings have been replaced. They consist of railings topped with finials mounted on a stone plinth and interspersed with ornamental round headed piers.

As part of the HS2 construction works at Euston, sections of the railings have been permitted (under parts b and c of the same Heritage Agreement) to be carefully removed and stored off site to enable the provision of an interim taxi rank.

For this application the submitted method statement sets out how the railings which have been removed, will be reinstated back into their original locations under part d of the Heritage Agreement. The permission will cover the reinstatement of one panel of railings and how it will be fixed to the existing railings.

The method statement sets out the details for their transportation back to Euston Square Gardens, the method of repair and reattachment to the existing railings. The approach minimises the risk of damage to the railings and the method of connecting back is sympathetic and maintains the maximum amount of historic fabric.

Public consultation was undertaken by means of a site notice and a press notice. Historic England and Bloomsbury CAAC were also consulted. Responses have been received from Historic England and the Victorian Society raising no objections.

This application sufficiently meets the requirements of part d of the Heritage Agreement to warrant approval by the London Borough of Camden.

- 2 You are advised that the method statement hereby approved only covers the reinstatement of section E/27. Therefore, the reinstatement of further sections of railings will require a further submission and approval by the London Borough of Camden under part d of the Heritage Agreement.

Yours faithfully

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Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer