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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017

Schedule 18 - Heritage Agreement Approval

Address:

Statue of Robert Stephenson
Euston Railway Station
Euston Square
London
NW1 2DU

Proposal:

Heritage Agreement Method Statement for the temporary relocation of the statue of Robert Stephenson from HS2 storage to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon, Durham for public display.

Drawing Nos: Heritage Agreement Method Statement for The Stephenson Statue
Relocation to Locomotion Museum (Document No. 1CP01-MDS-EV-REP-SS08_SL23-
000001)

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 and seeks approval by the London Borough of Camden for the Heritage Agreement Method Statement for the temporary relocation of the Robert Stephenson Statue to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon, County Durham.

The statue was located at the western end of Euston Station Forecourt, adjacent to the western entrance to Euston Station concourse. As part of HS2 construction works the statue and plinth have been carefully dismantled and put into storage, with the details covered and approved under 2019/3205/HS2.

The statue, which dates from 1870, was the work of Baron Carlo Marochetti, and was presented to the London & North Western Railway by the Institute of Civil Engineers. The statue is grade II listed, and identified in Table 1 of Schedule 18 ('Listed buildings') to the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017 to enable the grade II listed statue to be removed from Euston Station Forecourt and later re-erected elsewhere.

HS2 Ltd entered into a Heritage Agreement with Camden and Historic England dated 5 May 2017 that requires HS2 Ltd to submit method statements concerning these matters. This application covers Sections 2c) and d) of the agreement for identifying an appropriate site for the re-erection and method of reassembly.

It is the intention to loan the statue to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon, County Durham where it will be temporarily displayed outdoors, whilst the plinth will remain in HS2 storage. Under the proposals, the statue itself will be accessible to the public, in a location with historical connections with the early development of the rail industry. If the relocation did not occur, then it is likely that the statue will remain in storage for the duration of HS2 construction works.

After the loan is finished, the statue will be returned to HS2 and will be reinstated, together with its plinth, at Euston. The details for the methodology and location will be determined at a later date, once station designs have progressed. A separate HAMS will be submitted to cover this.

Public consultation was undertaken for this application by means of a site notice and a press notice, but no responses were received. Historic England was consulted and responded, supporting the application as it allowed the statue to continued to be enjoyed by the public. Historic Buildings & Places provided no comment on the location of method of relocation of the statue, however they did seek clarification on the timescales for reinstating the statue in Euston and the mechanism for achieving this. This has been provided to them and no objection was raised in response.

The statue was designed to be a public monument, testimony to the contribution that Robert Stephenson made to the railway industry, and as such its temporary relocation to Locomotion Museum is appropriate to its

significance. The method of transportation, fixing and protective measures minimise the risk of damage or theft. It is considered that in terms of scope and content the submitted Heritage Agreement Method Statement demonstrates that the grade II listed Statue of Robert Stephenson will be preserved. The submission therefore sufficiently meets the requirements of 2.2 of the Heritage Agreement to warrant approval by the London Borough of Camden.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The council publishes its adopted policies online, along with detailed Camden Planning Guidance. It also provides advice on the website for submitting applications and offers a pre-application advice service.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer