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Dear Catherine

**RE Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton
1D037-EDP-EV-MST-000-000002**

Please find attached the Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton for your attention. This method statement is being submitted to London Borough of Camden for approval and to Historic England and the relevant National Amenity Societies for consultation in accordance with the HS2 Heritage Agreement with London Borough of Camden and Historic England.

The Obelisk to Baron Southampton in St James's Gardens is identified in Table 1 of Schedule 18 ('Listed buildings') to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 (the Act) to enable the Grade II listed obelisk to be removed from St James's Gardens in London Borough of Camden and later re-erected elsewhere.

HS2 Ltd entered into a Heritage Agreement with London Borough of Camden and Historic England dated 5 May 2017 that requires HS2 Ltd to submit method statements concerning the relocation of the obelisk to London Borough of Camden for approval. The Heritage Agreement also requires HS2 Ltd to submit these method statements to Historic England and the relevant Amenity Societies (the Ancient Monuments Society, the Georgian Group, the Victorian Society, the Council for British Archaeology and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) at the same time for consultation.

Part 2 of the applicable schedule to the Heritage Agreement (Schedule 1A) sets out requirements for the content of the method statement(s) that must be submitted for approval. This particular method statement submission only covers the requirements of Part 2.1 of Schedule 1A; that is: the requirement concerning recording of the monument, its setting and constructional details in accordance with Historic England guidance. A separate submission to cover the removal, storage, identification of a suitable site for reinstatement and the process of reassembly (required in Part 2.2 of Schedule 1A of the Heritage Agreement) will be submitted separately at a later date.

Under the terms of the Heritage Agreement:

- the local authority must provide a decision in writing to HS2 Ltd within 8 weeks of the date of submission of this method statement
- Historic England and the relevant National Amenity Societies have 6 weeks from the date of submission to provide comments to the local authority or indicate that they do not intend to comment, after which point the local authority can approve the submission whether or not comments have been received

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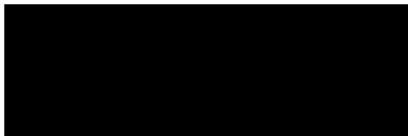
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Within the 8 week determination period, London Borough of Camden may decide to give approval subject to reasonable amendments or requirements, to which HS2 Ltd has 4 weeks to respond. Should HS2 Ltd propose further amendments to the Council's proposals, the Council would have a further 4 weeks to provide their response to such amendments. In the event that HS2 Ltd and the Council cannot agree, either party may submit any outstanding matter to the Secretary of State for determination in line with section 5 of the agreement. In order to secure the efficient and timely operation of the processes of approval, section 6 of the agreement requires HS2 Ltd, the Council and Historic England to cooperate and consult each other regularly.

In accordance with the timeframes specified within the agreement, please provide a decision in writing regarding the 'Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton' to historic_environment@hs2.org.uk by **20 September 2017**.

Please do not hesitate to contact historic_environment@hs2.org.uk should you have any queries on the above.

Yours sincerely



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