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Application Ref: **2017/4383/P**
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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017
Schedule 18 - Work to Listed Buildings (Part 2.1 Recording Method Statements)

Schedule 18 Recording Method Statement Approved

Address:
Obelisk to Baron Southampton
St James's Gardens
Cardington Street
London NW1

Proposal:
Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton.

Drawing Nos: Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton in St. James's Gardens. Document no.: ID037-EDP-EV-MST-000-000002.

The Council as the Relevant Local Planning Authority & Qualifying Authority within the meaning of the above Act has considered your application and decided to approve HS2 Schedule 18 Work to Listed Buildings.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting approval:

This application has been submitted by HS2 Ltd and seeks approval by the London Borough of Camden of the Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton (HS2 Ltd ref 1D037-EDP-EV-MST-000-000003).

The application site is a designated heritage asset, the grade II listed Obelisk to Baron Southampton, which is situated in the south-west corner of the former burial ground of St James' Gardens, Cardington Street, which was opened in 1788, and was a public garden from 1887 until June 2017. The site is not within a conservation area. The monument dates from the early-mid 19th century and according to the listing description commemorates Charles Fitzroy, first Baron of Southampton, and his wife Anne (d.1797 and 1810). However, research undertaken for this application suggests it may be a monument to Lawrence Harman Parsons, Baron Oxmantown and Earl of Rosse.

The Obelisk to Baron Southampton is 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 obelisk to be removed from St James' Gardens 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 the Council for approval. (The Heritage Agreement also requires HS2 Ltd to submit method statements to Historic England and the relevant Amenity Societies at the same time for but independently of this application for consultation.)

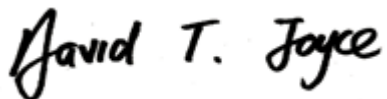
Part 2.1 of Schedule 1A of the Heritage Agreement sets out requirements for the content of method statements recording the designated heritage asset, its setting and constructional details in accordance with Historic England guidance. A separate submission required by Part 2.2 of Schedule 1A to cover removal, storage, identification of a suitable site for reinstatement and the process of reassembling will be submitted at a later date for approval.

The Recording Method Statement provides a comprehensive and accurate record and assessment of the grade II listed Obelisk to Baron Southampton. The Statement includes a detailed photographic and written description of the designated heritage asset and its history, its form and materials, and details of its carvings and inscriptions (where surviving). It assesses the significance of the designated heritage asset embracing its architectural, historic and social intent in the context of funerary monuments. It considers the survival of significant features, fabric and setting, focussing on structural condition, condition of the masonry, missing components, and its location and setting. There is a specification for recording general standards, and methodologies for recording heritage assets, their setting and constructional details. A 1:1250 OS extract shows the location of the designated heritage.

Although not a statutory requirement of the above Act, the Council undertook public consultation on this application. A site notice and a press notice were served but no responses were received. Historic England (Planning) responded on 10 August 2017, stating that it did not want to comment in detail but was pleased to be in early discussions regarding the proposals prior to the formal submission of the method statement, and the proposed scheme reflects those discussions and the advice offered by its specialist staff. Historic England (GLAAS) responded on 24 August 2017, confirming that it had been consulted prior to the submission, that the written scheme accords with relevant standards and guidance, the research and proposed above-ground recording look comprehensive, and that the method statement refers to archaeological investigation and recording required in relation to removal of the monument.

It is considered that in terms of scope and content the submitted Recording Method Statement for the Obelisk to Baron Southampton meets the requirements of Part 2.1 of Schedule 18 (Work to Listed Buildings) to warrant approval by the London Borough of Camden.

Yours faithfully

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David Joyce
Director of Regeneration and Planning