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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 recording and dismantling of railings around Euston Square Gardens.

Drawing Nos: Recording and Dismantling Railings around Euston Square Gardens
(Document: 1EW02-CSJ-HS-MST-S003-000492 Rev C01)

The Council as the Local Planning Authority & Qualifying Authority within the meaning of the above Act has **granted** permission.

Informative(s):

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This application has been submitted by HS2 Ltd and seeks approval by Camden for of the recording, dismantling and storage methodology for the railings around Euston Square Gardens.

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. Part 2 a), b) and c) of Schedule 1C of the Heritage Agreement set out requirements for the content of the method statement for these works.

Further applications will be required for Part 2 d) of Schedule 1C for the process for the process for re-erecting the railings in the future.

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.

For this application the submitted method statement sets out how the railings and piers will be carefully removed in sections corresponding with existing joints to minimise damage. They will be stored off site and regularly inspected to ensure they are not do not deteriorate over times.

At the time of submission HS2 Ltd notified Historic England and the national amenity bodies of the submission of the application to Camden as well as copies of the documents. These organisations have six weeks to respond to Camden. This is in line with Section 2.4 of the Heritage Agreement. One response was received from Historic England making no comment on the proposals.

Camden also notified Bloomsbury CAAC as well as putting up a site notice and publishing a press notice. The only response received was from the CAAC raising no objection to the removal and safe storage of the railings as long as they are reinstated as part of the restoration of Euston Square Gardens including the restoration of the gates that were previously removed.

The principle of the removal has already been granted when the HS2 Act gained royal assent. We can only consider the methodology for the recording dismantling and storage under this submission. As outlined above a further submission is required for the details for the re-erection of the railings.

The scope and content the submitted method statement meets the requirements of Part 2 a), b) and c) of the Heritage Agreement to warrant approval by Camden.

- 2 You are reminded that Part 2 of Schedule 1C of the Heritage Agreement item 2(d) details of re-assembly and re-erection of the railings is outstanding and requires details to be submitted and approved by the Council before the relevant works are undertaken.

Yours faithfully

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