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Dear Dav

RE: HS2 Phase 2b Eastern Leg RSD Consultation

Historic England welcomes the opportunity to take part in the above consultation. The revised location for the above RSD in the Aire Valley has the potential to impact on the historic environment and we would wish the following comments to be taken into consideration.

The site itself has shown evidence of a Mesolithic flint working site, and is likely to affect the former site of Thorpe Hall (medieval and post-medieval) and the associated Deserted Medieval Village. These non-designated heritage assets would need to be considered as part of the EIA as it moves forward.

In addition, the development of the site for the RSD has the potential to impact on the significance of nearby Grade I listed Temple Newsam House and its associated listed assets as well as the associated GII Park and Garden. We would welcome opportunity to discuss how these assets are considered in the EIA in due course, including opportunities for consideration of views to and from the site and the high grade assets on the Temple Newsam site.

Historic England looks forward to continuing to work with HS2 Ltd on the Phase 2b technical notes and EIA work as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely

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