

# **HS2 Enabling Works**



HS2 EWC South – Costain-Skanska Heritage Sub Group Meeting 26-09-2017



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# **Agenda**



- Geographic extent of works
- CSJV who are we?
- Historic Environment Team
- Key Locations
- HERDS
- Programme Oct Dec 17
- Community Engagement
- Academic Links



St James's Church, Piccadilly



### CSjv Enabling Works Contract South S1-4





- 25.8km of route from Euston to the Colne Valley
- **S1** Euston Tunnel and approaches
- **\$2** Colne Valley/Northolt Tunnels
- S3 Euston Station
- S4 Old Oak Common Station

### **CSJV** – organisations and structure



- Costain and Skanska have come together to form a Joint Venture to deliver the works
- CSjv has a successful 30-year history of delivering major infrastructure projects including:

- M25
- High Speed 1
- London Power Tunnels
- Crossrail









# **CSJV** working with MOLA Headland Infrastructure



A Consortium of two large archaeological contractors with experience in infrastructure projects, large burial grounds and working in London;

MOLA Headland Infrastructure (MHI) and CSjv have a history of proven collaboration including:

- the £1.5bn A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge Road Scheme
- Crossrail Bond St
- London Bridge Station Improvements
- Thames Water Infrastructure Eight20 Amp 6
- St Martins in the Fields
- A5/M1
- St Pancras Station Midland
- Kings Cross Underground Station







### **Historic Environment Team Structure**





### **Scope of Historic Environment Works**



Archaeology and the Historic Environment form a key part of the EWC HS2 Enabling Works from S1-S4 with the majority of the works taking place around Euston and the Colne Valley.

#### Works will include:

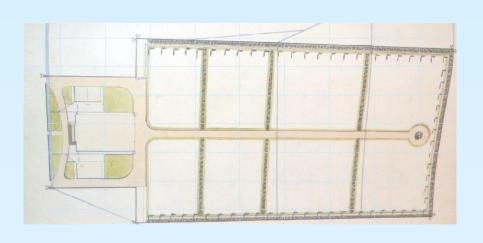
- Trial holes, geophysics, UAV drone survey, strip map and record in Colne Valley area
- Historic Building Surveys and recording to fulfil Heritage Agreements and U&As in all areas
- Setting Surveys in all areas
- Archaeological excavation of human remains from St James's Gardens, Euston
- Recording, removal and storage of heritage assets including GII and GII\*
  listed monuments and designing for protection of assets which will remain
  in situ



# St James's Gardens, Camden



 Opened c 1789 as an extra parochial burial ground for St james's Church, Piccadilly



- Originally designed to accommodate around 19,000 burials
- Segregated into areas by class or 'grounds;



# St James's Gardens



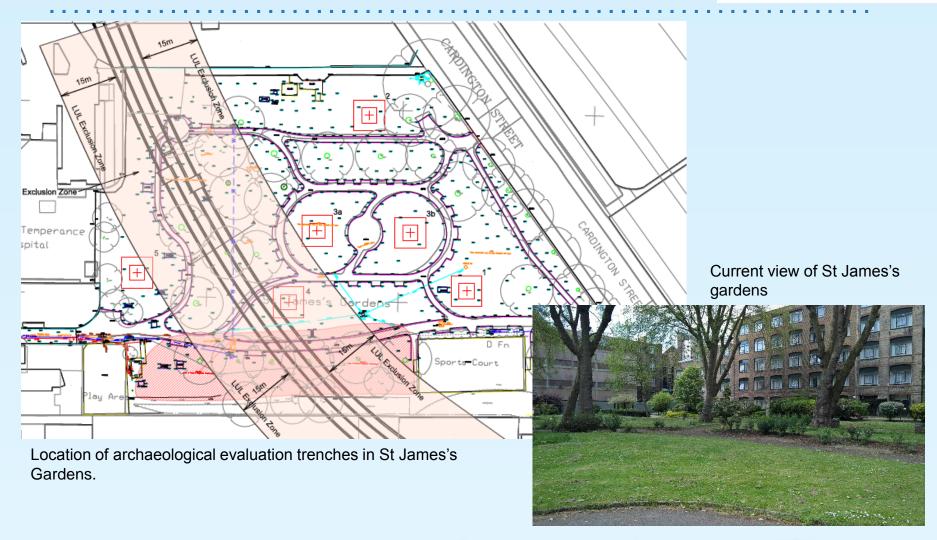
- Closed in 1852 as part of the Metropolitan Burials Act having received an estimated 63,000 inhumations
- Eastern end of the site lost to the expansion of Euston in the 1880s.
- This is thought to be the largest number of individuals to be archaeologically excavated/exhumed in the UK or Europe



St James's Gardens c 1890 after the construction of Cardington Street

## **Trial Trenching within St James's Gardens**





# **Built Heritage**



#### Surveys and detailed records of

- Euston Square Lodges and Railings
- 14-15 Melton St
- Former entrance to Euston Underground Station
- 1-3 Cobourg Street
- National Temperance Hospital
- DB Cargo Shed
- Former Print Works
- Mornington Terrace Bridge
- Acton Wells
- Park Village East
- Old Oak Common Railway Depot







# Colne Valley S2 – utility diversions

#### Utility diversion:

- 48 inch gas pipeline diversion (Cadent) archaeological recording
- 18 inch gas pipeline diversion (Cadent) archaeological trial trenching
- Water main diversion (Affinity) non-intrusive surveys

### **Ecology**:

 Habitat creation near MSD Site archaeological trial trenching







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# **Programme**



Priority Packages

St James Gardens sequence:

**Trial Trenching** 

Mitigation Design

Built Heritage: Surveys and Heritage Agreements

Intrusive and Non intrusive investigation in the Colne Valley

Further Packages

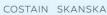
Scope development for work packages 54 & 11 will continue over the next 6 months informed by the results of the priority packages

St James's Burial Ground excavation:

Colne Valley further recording, if required

Built Heritage: programme of consents and recording





# **HERDS Objectives**



#### **Knowledge Creation; Involving People; Lasting Legacy**

- Programme of osteological and historical research into 19<sup>th</sup> century populations and burial practices;
- Community engagement;
- Training programmes for volunteers, community groups but also archaeologists and increasing capacity in the heritage sector;
- 'Mapping' how heritage assets and their setting are perceived in the wider Euston Area and research into links between the character of the urban landscape and railway history;
- Collaboration with academics, construction professionals and others
- Trialling innovative strategies for recording archaeological contexts

# **Community Engagement**



- Volunteer programmes: gravestone recording at St James's Gardens
- Schools Engagement
- Time Truck activities
- Public events: e.g. lunch and learn to be offered to local businesses and communities
- Digitisation of the burial record using volunteers
- Setting surveys to be conducted with the help of local resident groups - -training will be provided



