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Our industrial heritage -

L&NWR Kenilworth and Berkswell branch line 1884

Solihull MBC

HS2 Implementation Advisory Group

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HS2: “nothing to see here”

- “... the history and evolution of the former branch line is well understood and any further research would not increase our knowledge of this asset...”



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Policy

HIGH SPEED TWO PHASE ONE INFORMATION PAPER EB: ARCHAEOLOGY	
Investigation within construction	
Construction integrated recording	A programme of observation, investigation and recording of archaeological remains undertaken during construction where appropriate. It is used where the likely extent of the remains has been demonstrated, but it is not practical or appropriate to investigate in detail before the main construction programme (e.g. due to safety or logistical considerations or environmental or engineering constraints). The contractor's preferred method of working would be controlled as necessary to allow archaeological recording to take place to the required standard.
Archaeological watching brief	A programme of observation, investigation and recording during construction. It is used where remains have not been identified by a detailed desk based assessments or field evaluation, but where there is realistic potential for archaeological discoveries. The contractor's method of working would not be directly controlled for archaeological purposes, unless important archaeological discoveries are found (in which case the site method may change to construction integrated recording).

- Solihull MBC Policy P16**
“preserve or enhance heritage assets”
- CFA report 23 Community**
“5.4.7 The original line of the Kenilworth Greenway will be reinstated once construction is complete”

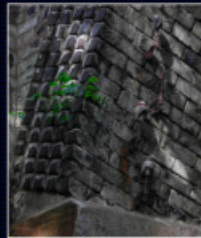
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Victorian brickwork: built to last



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Fragile details



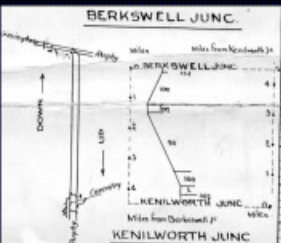
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Surface finds



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Gradient sign



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Requested actions

- preservation and protection plan needed now
 - important heritage site
- structural survey before use by heavy traffic
 - HS2 told Select Committee survey to be done before decision
 - what repairs/ reinforcements are needed ?
- a presentation by HS2 on the heritage of the Greenway
 - more than local interest
- a presentation by HS2 on other local archaeology
 - nothing heard to date

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Thank you