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Dear Laura,

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Archaeological considerations

Thank you for your re-consultation on this application. We recommend that further information is required to inform an appropriate archaeological response, definitively stating the specific construction methodology required to accommodate the delivery of the scheme. The same advice has been issued to Blaby District Council in response to the associated application, 24/0575/FUL.

We note the submission of an archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA), which is welcomed, and we are generally supportive of its findings which confirm the areas of known archaeological potential across the application area. The DBA has identified five areas across the proposed route where there is a known archaeological potential for significant Iron Age and Roman buried remains to be present, based on the results of previous investigations (northwest of Hill Farm solar farm to the A47; intersection of Dan's Lane/A47; intersection of the A47 within the Desford Cross Roads area; area adjacent to Narborough Wood Cottage; section of the route at Billsdon's Hollow). In addition to the above locations however the potential for remains within the remainder of the route cannot currently be confidently anticipated, as much of this landscape has not been subject to previous archaeological investigation.

The specific impacts of the development and therefore the extent of the impacts proposed also remains uncertain. Whilst the DBA outlines proposed cable trench dimensions of 0.92m (width) and between 0.9m-1.1m (depth), the exact location of the cable route has not been confirmed and it is unclear whether a wider strip around the cable trench itself would be required to enable this. The specific methodology for excavation of the cable trench would also inform the viability of archaeological Attendance as an appropriate mitigation measure. In addition to the impact proposed through the cable trench/easement any additional construction-related impacts required to deliver the scheme should also be explicitly stated. This would include material storage areas, site compound and entry/exit points where horizontal directional drilling is proposed.

As present we do not have a good understanding of the proposed development methodology or the wider archaeological potential for the site and therefore the impact of the proposals on the archaeological resource remains unknown. To ensure that any archaeological remains present are dealt with appropriately further information is required detailing the proposed methodology for both the cable trench and any ancillary elements required to enable these works. This information is necessary to ascertain whether further initial evaluation methods would be appropriate, which could include a combination of geophysical survey and trial trenching, if the scope of the proposals warrant it.

I hope this clarifies our position, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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