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Dear Mr Archer

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**LODGE FARM, MARKET BOSWORTH ROAD, DADLINGTON, NUNEATON,
LEICESTERSHIRE, CV13 6DH
Application No. 26/00184/HOU**

Thank you for your letter of 25 March 2026 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

The Proposal

The proposal is for the erection of a replacement stable and stores and installation of a new waste treatment plant.

Significance

Bosworth Battlefield is significant for several key reasons. It was the site of the Battle of Bosworth, a pivotal moment in English history that brought the Tudor dynasty to power and marked the death of Richard III, the last English king to die in battle. The landscape remains largely undeveloped, preserving the setting of the conflict and allowing its events to be understood

The Battle of Bosworth Field was the principal political turning point in England at the end of the middle ages, scatters of shot and arrows and other remains associated with the battlefield (including potentially mass burials) are key to our understandings of this event.

The site holds strong archaeological potential, with discoveries continuing to provide



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new insights, and it is notable for early evidence of significant artillery use in England.

Impact

The proposals would impact the Registered Battlefield, the Battle of Bosworth Farm Field.

It is our view that the information submitted is insufficient to provide a full understanding of the proposal, without which we do not consider the application can be determined.

Without sufficient details regarding the existing layout of the site in relation to the Registered Battlefield and elevations. Without this, it is unclear to what extent the proposed development would be a change from the existing nature of the site.

Furthermore, the proposed development would involve development on the Registered Battlefield. This would undoubtedly have some impact on the significance of the Battlefield and potential for archaeological impacts.

It is disappointing to see that no assessment of the potential archaeological or heritage impacts has been submitted as part of the application.

An Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment that identifies and outlines the significance of the battlefield, how the development would impact this significance and any potential archaeological implications is required.

Policy

Historic England's advice is provided in line with the statutory requirement placed on local planning authorities by the requirements of Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment. When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation, irrespective of the level of harm. Any harm to, or loss of, significance of a designated heritage asset should require clear and convincing justification.

Paragraph 207 noting that "local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting."

Paragraph 208 states that local planning authorities "should take this into account when considering the impact of a proposal on a heritage asset, to avoid or minimise any conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal."



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Position

Historic England has concerns regarding the application regarding the insufficient information provided. As outlined above, without properly understanding the extent of development and the significance of the heritage assets, we do not feel it possible to assess how much of an impact the development would have on the significance of the Battlefield.

We recommend that further information is provided prior to determination, including:

- An existing Site Location Plan that locates the site within the Registered Battlefield.
- Existing elevations.
- An Archaeological/ Heritage Impact Assessment.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds.

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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