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Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 27/03/2026 10:57 AM from William Kelly (william.kelly@leics.gov.uk) on behalf of LCC Archaeology - Historical And Natural Environment Team.

Application Summary

Reference:	25/00931/FUL
Address:	Cliffe Hill Farm Little Shaw Lane Markfield Leicestershire LE67 9PP
Proposal:	Redevelopment of a logistics park for storage and distribution (Class B8), general industry (Class B2), ancillary office space (Class E) and associated infrastructure.
Case Officer:	Emma Baumber

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Comments Details

Dear Emma,

25/00931/FUL | Redevelopment of a logistics park for storage and distribution (Class B8), general industry (Class B2), ancillary office space (Class E) and associated infrastructure. | Cliffe Hill Farm Little Shaw Lane Markfield

Comments:

Archaeological Comments

Thank you for your re-consultation on the above planning application.

Having reviewed the submitted Cotswold Archaeology Heritage

Technical Note (06/03/2026) we would repeat our recommendation that the applicant provides a review of available sources relating to the wider Charnwood Forest historic landscape, presented in the form of a specific Heritage Statement, to contribute to the broader discussion of the scheme's impacts on the wider Ulverscroft Wooded Valley LCA and the Charnwood Forest landscape.

As noted in the Heritage Technical Note, the recommendation for a Heritage Statement does introduce an additional requirement to that outlined in our previous comments (Heritage Technical Note paragraph 1). This recommendation is however in response to subsequent information submitted by the local residents' group "Save Ulverscroft's Nature" and The Friends of Charnwood Forest, provided in relation to the wider landscape implications of the scheme. These wider issues, while not limited to heritage concerns, would benefit from some further consideration of the broader heritage implications of the scheme. Although the survey of the extant earthworks within the site and a trial trenching evaluation will help to support this understanding, these investigations will not in themselves address the wider landscape issues raised by the two groups, without the further consolidation a Heritage Statement would provide.

To clarify the query in paragraph 2 of the Heritage Technical Note, these comments relate to the wider Charnwood Forest area and the application for UNESCO global Geopark status, rather than the heritage status specifically. While it is acknowledged that the ridge and furrow earthworks themselves are indeed a non-designated heritage asset, rather than a designated heritage asset, it is our view that some further work could be undertaken to better understand the specific contribution the site makes to the wider historic landscape. The Heritage Statement would support other statements relating to the impact of the proposals on the wider Charnwood Forest landscape, such as the ecological concerns, and would help to inform the LPA's awareness of changes to the historic landscape in the context of the planning balance.

The Heritage Technical Note argues that, although the information relating to the classification of the site would provide a refinement of our understanding, this would not alter the policy considerations in relation to the historic environment and is not anticipated to alter the conclusions reached in relation to the impacts of the scheme upon the historic environment (4-6). It is our view however that the further information a Heritage Statement would provide, such as details relating to the historic development of the site and its enclosure during the pre-parliamentary enclosure period, is needed to sufficiently inform our understanding of the specific contribution made by the site to the wider historic landscape. With regards to the comments in the Heritage Technical Note that it is unclear which specific heritage assets would require additional analysis (7), we would suggest that this work could include a consideration of the adjacent historic building, Weaver's Cottage. The cottage can

be seen on late 19th century Ordnance Survey mapping and it has recently been brought to our attention that the cottage may have additional heritage significance than previously appreciated, both through its earlier use as a weaver's dwelling and later through its potential connection with the English artist George Samuel Elgood (1851–1943), one of Britain's foremost late-Victorian and Edwardian landscape and garden painters.

Given the concerns raised regarding the implications of the development on the wider landscape, which would result in a detrimental and negative impact on that environment, it therefore remains our view that some further work could be undertaken to contribute to the broader discussion of the scheme's impacts on the wider Ulverscroft Wooded Valley LCA and Charnwood National Forest landscape.

Please do let me know if you have any queries regarding the above comments, we would of course be happy to discuss further if this is helpful.

Kind Regards,

William

Kind regards

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