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Dear Amy

Thank you for consulting me on this.

The site has a very high archaeological potential as identified on the Nottinghamshire Historic Environment Record (NHER), primarily through cropmark data supplied by the National Mapping Programme (NMP). Consequently, the applicant has undertaken extensive archaeological investigation as part of the application process including geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation, which this office has assisted with and monitored.

The resulting evaluation work has been undertaken to a high standard and produced significant results which have proved very helpful with assessing the archaeological potential and development impacts.

The evaluation works has recorded significant activity within the site dating to between the Neolithic and post-medieval periods. Three distinct settlement foci were recorded and dated between the late Iron Age and Roman periods. Highly significant Neolithic activity was also recorded in the form of a large pit containing 543 pieces of worked flint, 491 sherds of pottery and 881 fragments of burnt and calcined animal bone. The remains of a rare (for this area) burnt mount dating to the late Neolithic/early Bronze Age was also identified in the site boundary. Historic England have also recently identified a Neolithic long barrow across the road towards the Trent. This together indicates a highly significant Neolithic funerary and settlement landscape that was not known prior to this evaluation work.

While results of the evaluation indicate a high level of significant archaeological remains within the site boundary, this would not necessarily preclude development, provided an appropriate and sufficient Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS) for the protection of archaeological remains is designed and implemented. This would normally require either exclusion or archaeological excavation of sensitive areas.

As the AMS is likely to have significant implications for the layout and design of the proposed solar farm, I recommend that it be submitted as part of the application process and its implementation be secured as a condition of consent if permission is granted. Once agreement has been reached on the AMS, I'll be able to recommend appropriate condition wording.

An appropriate AMS for this site will be complex and require careful consideration and input from both the applicant and this office and I'll be happy to continue to assist with this if that would be helpful.

I hope this helpful and please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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