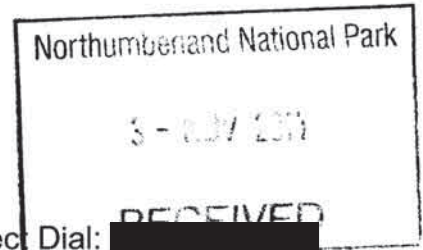


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Dear Mr Stanworth

**WALLTOWN QUARRY PICNIC SITE, BRAMPTON, GREENHEAD,
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Thank you for your consultation on the above application. The site of Walltown Quarry is one of considerable archaeological sensitivity because the original quarry, now re-landscaped as the NNPA picnic site and visitor centre, was cut through the landscape and archaeology of the Hadrian's Wall Roman frontier.

Clearly, where the quarry has cut through the archaeology of the frontier, it is very unlikely that any of its archaeological remains will survive here. This, and the fact that the quarry sits down below the surrounding landscape, means that within the current quarry footprint it is highly unlikely that this kind of development will impact on the archaeology or setting of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

However, the original supporting information for this application suggested that in addition to the temporary office, to its south a large klargester storage tank was planned. Whilst, in line with the above, it is unlikely that this will be an issue if all the excavation necessary for this is going to take place at the reduced 'floor' level of the quarry, if the works involve any work into or beyond the existing historic quarry face this could have a significant archaeological impact.

As such, we would ask for clarification as to what works, if any, are proposed as part of this application on or beyond the current quarry face of Walltown Quarry. Once we have received these details we would be happy to provide the Authority with further advice.



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