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Dear Mr Stanworth

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

**TWICE BREWED INN, BARDON MILL, HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE47 7AN
Application No. 17NP0028**

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2017 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

As all involved are clearly aware, this development site is in an area of archaeological sensitivity because of its position in relation to the Hadrian's Wall Roman frontier. Hadrian's Wall represents the most complete of the frontiers of the Roman Empire, and its archaeological and historic significance is reflected by the protection given to most of its surviving remains as a scheduled ancient monument, and its inclusion by UNESCO in its list of World Heritage Sites. In addition, the area around the Roman frontier adds further significance to this site by allowing an appreciation of the siting of the Roman frontier in relation to local topography, something which is crucial in understanding Roman military planning and land use

Having considered the details of the application, although it would obviously have been better if this new access hadn't been created before seeking advice on the consents required for it, we do not believe from the details submitted that this proposal would impact directly on any archaeological remains from the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. In addition, given the current land use here, although the development will clearly be visible from the Roman frontier it will not harm the understanding and appreciation of Roman military planning and land use, which is what we are trying to protect when we talk about setting in this context.

As such, in this case we do not believe it would be justified to require the applicant to commission archaeological work to understand the significance of the site in relation to



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Hadrian's Wall of the site (in respect of the advice contained in paragraph 128 of the NPPF). In addition, given the current context and by avoiding any excavation, the proposal is such that it would not impact on nationally important archaeological remains or their settings such that its impact would not be classified as harm to the Hadrian's Wall frontier. As such, I don't believe that paragraphs 132-134 of the NPPF are relevant here, as they deal with development that will cause harm to heritage assets.

In light of these conclusions we advise the Council that Historic England does not wish to object to this application on the grounds of impact on the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. However, given that the proposal involves building up from current levels, rather than just maintaining the current arrangements, we would ask for an advisory note to be attached to any permission issued to remind the applicant of the need to obtain scheduled monument consent (SMC) for this work in addition to planning permission.

Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds.


Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely



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