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Dear Mr Godfrey

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

**GREENCARTS FARM, HUMSHAUGH, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE46 4BW  
Application No. 18NP0019**

Thank you for your letter of 22 March 2018 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 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, we do not believe that this proposal would impact directly on any archaeological remains from the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. In addition, having considered the location and scale of development, and likely functioning of the Roman frontier, although the development will 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



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commission archaeological work to understand the significance of the site in relation to Hadrian's Wall of the site (in respect of the advice contained in paragraph 128 of the NPPF). Your own archaeological adviser will be able to comment on the potential impact of the application on other archaeological heritage assets. In addition, our assessment of the potential impact of the proposal is that it would be sufficiently unlikely to impact on nationally important archaeological remains of their settings such that this visibility could 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.

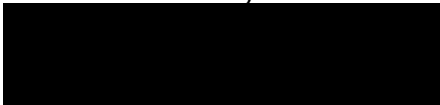
In light of these conclusions we advise the Council that Historic England does not wish to object to this application on the grounds of impact on the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

**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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