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Dear Mr Godfrey

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

**ROMAN ARMY MUSEUM, GREENHEAD, NORTHUMBERLAND, CA8 7JB
Application No. 18NP0039EL**

Thank you for your letter of 18 April 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 proposed works have been the subject of extensive discussions with both Northern Powergrid and the National Park Authority over the last two years. The work proposed represents an exciting opportunity to improve the setting of the Roman fort at Carvoran and the adjacent section of the Hadrian's Wall Roman frontier by removing the overhead lines from its immediate vicinity, and Historic England very much supports the principle of this work.

With reference to the specifics of what is proposed here, the pole removal works look to be as discussed, and although their removal from the protected scheduled monuments will require scheduled monument consent (SMC), we are content that this can be done without harm to these sites and can be controlled through conditions on any SMC granted for this.

The only area of concern that we have at this stage is that the application doesn't detail the route of underground cabling required to replace the dismantled overhead line. This issue has also been extensively discussed, and a likely route agreed which would avoid archaeological issues, largely by being routed through the site of the former Walltown Quarry. If the route discussed last year were to be followed, we would be perfectly happy with the proposal as a whole. I also understand that for this kind of application, the applicant would not normally be required to formally submit information about their underground cabling. However, given the sensitivity of the site,



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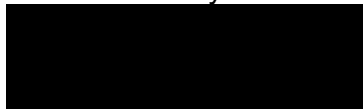
and because the works to poles and cables are linked, without confirmation of the route of this underground cabling we don't think we can provide properly informed advice on the impact of the pole works that are the subject of this application.

Whilst I don't think this is likely to be an issue, we would therefore request that the applicant be asked for details of the cabling necessary to allow the removal of these poles, to allow us to comment further.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds. As discussed above, these concerns relate to the potential archaeological impact of the electricity cabling likely to be necessary to allow the proposed pole removal works to take place. Although resolving this issue may simply require the applicant to confirm the route of these cables discussed last year, this confirmation is necessary to allow the impact of the proposal to be considered from an informed point of view. Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely



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