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Dear Mr Smith

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

**LOW TOWN, GREENHEAD, BRAMPTON, CA8 7JD  
Application No. 19NP0112EL**

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2019 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**

These proposed works lie in an area of very high archaeological sensitivity, within and across the line of 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 such that the majority of its remains are protected as scheduled monuments and are part of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

Although it is entirely possible that the proposed development will avoid a harmful impact on the archaeology of the Wall, there are a couple of comments that I need to make:

- on the application form the development is described as being the like for like replacement of three electricity poles. This sounds fairly straightforward and not likely to be an issue. However, the plan that accompanies the application seems to suggest the need for some further cabling works, although I'm not precisely sure what and where - could this be clarified
- Although the applicant has an excellent track record of undertaking works close to Hadrian's Wall without harmful impact, they will in this case be working right across a major scheduled monument (the Vallum ditch) which is highly vulnerable to damage from (amongst other factors) from vehicle tracking. Whether within or without the planning system we would therefore suggest the need for a method statement to make sure that staff on site are aware of the



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issues and have a plan to avoid any harm to the monument

**Recommendation**

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds.

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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