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To: Colin Godfrey
Subject: RE: 20NP0016 Holiday Cottage - Land East of the White House

Hi Colin,

I note the comments from the applicant's agent which does not appear to dispute the need for archaeological work on site. Should the option of preserving the archaeological remains in situ not be appropriate for the applicant, a programme of archaeological work to preserve by record is required. The principle of preservation of archaeological information where harm is likely to occur is well established in the National Planning Policy Framework Para 197-199.

"No work shall take place until the applicant has secured a programme of archaeological work set out in a written scheme of investigation approved by the Local Planning Authority. This shall make provision for the investigation and recording of archaeological features impacted upon by the development, and to make this evidence publicly accessible."

I strongly recommend that, in order to avoid substantial harm to the significance of archaeological features within the site boundary, that archaeological work comprises a programme of strip, map and record. This would entail the stripping of topsoil by mechanical excavator under archaeological supervision, recording of all observed features and partial excavation in order to retrieve sufficient information to characterise and date the features. A report on the findings, including the archive generated), to be made publicly accessible.

I hope this is clear. Evidence for medieval Harbottle is significant to our understanding of the special qualities of the National Park and it is important to mitigate for harm to cultural heritage features. It is considered that provision of archaeological recording as a condition to be a reasonable and proportionate response.

Best wishes,

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