

FAO Jenny Blair

Archaeological Consultation Response: DMPA/2021/1585 Hoon Hay Manor, Marston Lane, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5EA

Jenny,

Thank you for your consultation on the above application.

The application has been submitted with a Heritage Assessment (HA) report produced by Heritage Archaeology (January 2021) as well as a geophysical survey (GS) report (November 2020) produced by Archaeological Research Services Ltd. The HA was produced following consultations with Steve Baker (Derbyshire County Council Archaeologist).

The HA drew together the available historic documentary, index and cartographic evidence to identify and assess the significance of any known or potential heritage assets, and to consider the likely impact of the proposed development upon the significance of any such assets. The HA identified a number of known or potential heritage interests upon which the proposed development might have a negative impact. However, historic mapping from the post-war period also showed gravel quarrying across parts of the northern end of the proposed development area. Such quarrying clearly would have damaged, if not removed any archaeological interest pre-dating the quarrying. There was some uncertainty as to the maximum extent of such quarrying. It was also clear that the quarrying had been in-filled to leave the level fields that are present today. Unfortunately, the character of that in-filling and any associated spreading of the in-fill material meant that when the geophysical survey was undertaken the results were dominated by that in-filling and/ or possibly high levels of ferrous contamination. This meant the GS could not assist in identifying any areas with surviving pre-quarrying deposits.

The HA has considered the nature of the heritage assets, their significance, the mapping evidence for post-war quarrying and in-filling. It has also considered the character of the proposals in terms of the nature and extent of ground disturbance. It has concluded that "it is very unlikely for this development to result in any impact to any surviving below ground archaeology that may be present within the site" (5.14).

I agree with the conclusions of the HA. On this basis I have no objection to the development proceeding and recommend that no further archaeological requirements be placed upon the applicant in respect of the present application.

Andrew Myers

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