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From: Nick Mason
Sent: 20 May 2019 16:11
To: Hilary Saunders
Subject: RE: NYM/2019/0136/FL The Hambleton Inn archaeology

Hi Hilary,

Yes I had seen this, thanks for checking. As the applicant has accepted the pre-commencement condition I am happy, and if the application is successful look forward to hearing more from them.

I have noted the highlighted sections in their own research, and accept that the dike is superficially destroyed in the area of the Hambleton Inn. However deposits *may remain* below the current ground surface, and the condition is in order to discover the extent of possible below-ground remains.

Best,

Nick Mason
Archaeology Officer

From: David McCormack
Sent: 22 April 2019 08:06
To: Hilary Saunders
Subject: RE: NYM/2019/0136/FL The Hambleton Inn archaeology

Dear Hilary

In response to your email dated 15 April 2019 we have consulted with our client and planning consultant and advise as follows;

We agree to the condition that the Archaeological Officer is suggesting i.e. to accept a pre-commencement condition of archaeological trial trenching and for the contractor to submit a Written Scheme of Investigation and submit a report to the HER.

In the meantime we set our findings as follows;

Casten Dyke North

Probable late Bronze Age or Iron Age linear earthwork/cross ridge dyke - territorial boundary forming part of the Cleave Dyke system. Incorporates earlier round barrow. Scheduled. Elements of this monument were mapped as part of the North York Moors

National Park NMP, visible as earthworks on air photographs. The feature is intermittently defined by two parallel banks. The Cleave Dyke (UID 1032865) appears to superimpose this monument. The current condition could not be ascertained owing to tree cover on the latest 2009 vertical photography.

(SE 51668256 to SE 52668317) Casten Dike (NR).

(1)

The Casten Dike joins the steep cliff (SE 51668256) to the head of a valley (SE 52668317) running up behind the Hambleton Hotel and cutting through the Cleave Dike (LIN 6) at right angles.

(2)

Rampart 10-12 ft wide, 4-5 ft high; ditch on S is 10 ft wide, 3 ft deep in places. Mutilated by forestry plantation. A cross ridge work boundary; appears to overrun Cleave Dike (LIN 6), though this may be doubtful(?). (Visible on RAF APs F21/58 2131/0084-5 28.3.57).

(3)

Casten Dike (name confirmed). A cross ridge dyke as described by Authys 2 & 3. The best preserved section, to the south of High Street, consists of a bank up to 1.3m high with a ditch 0.5m deep to the SE. There is no evidence of a break where the line of Cleave Dike meets it, so it may be assumed that Casten Dike is the later of the two. The earthwork is destroyed in the vicinity of Hambleton, but a short section remains extant where it meets Flassen Gill. Published survey revised at 1:2500 on MSD by air-ground.

(4)

SE 515 825 to SE 520 828. Casten Dyke. Scheduled No NY/974. (5)

Casten Dyke North from SE 517 826 to SE 526 832. This is a well preserved earthwork from the scarp at SE 517 826 to the A170 road at SE 521 829. There is tumulus at the scarp (SE 58 SW 14) and one in the dyke (SE 58 SW 33). North of the A170 road the dyke becomes fragmentary but Hayes and the 1795 map show it running to the old line of Hambleton Street at SE 526 832. Casten Dyke North is frequently mentioned in the 18th century documents as the northern boundary of Kilburn. There are banks on both sides of the ditch. Height of bank above ground level (east), 0.3m and (west), 0.4m; Width of bank (east), 3.0m and (west) 3.3m; Depth of ditch below ground level, 0.7m; Width of ditch, 3.0m.

Forms part of the Cleave Dyke System which is shown by field and aerial evidence to originate probably in the late Bronze Age or Iron Age. The dyke system was developed earlier than the Hambleton Street (SE 58 NW 43) and the High Street which seems to have come into use in the Roman and/or Saxon periods.

(6)

SE 5166 8256 - SE 5186 8277 - SE 5209 8291. Two sections of the Cleave Dyke system, one known as the Casten Dike, and a round barrow south of Kilburn Moor Plantation. Scheduled. RSM 26933. (see also LINEAR 6 and SE 58 SW 33)

(7)

SE 5268 8317 - SE 5260 8315. Section of the Cleave Dyke system, known as the Casten Dike, 300m ENE of Hambleton Inn. Scheduled RSM 26924

(8)

Elements of this monument were mapped as part of the North York Moors National Park

NMP, visible as earthworks on air photographs. As described by authorities 1-8 above, the feature is intermittently defined by two parallel banks. The Cleave Dyke (UID 1032865) appears to superimpose this monument. The current condition could not be ascertained owing to tree cover on the latest 2009 vertical photography.
(9)

Kind regards,

David McCormack RIBA APMP
Director

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Sent: 17 April 2019 13:06
To: David McCormack
Subject: FW: NYM/2019/0136/FL The Hambleton Inn archaeology

Dear David,

Please find below comments from the Authority's archaeologist for your information and agreement of pre-commencement conditions, if/when we get to that stage!

Kind regards

Hilary

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From: Nick Mason
Sent: 17 April 2019 12:56
To: Hilary Saunders
Subject: NYM/2019/0136/FL The Hambleton Inn archaeology

Hi Hilary,

I would like to request a pre-commencement condition of archaeological trial trenching on the above application, for the following reasons. The application site lies across the line of the Casten Dike, part of the extensive Cleave Dyke system of Late Bronze and Iron Age linear boundaries in the area. Two sections either side of the site are Scheduled Monuments, there has been little chance to investigate these features, and the Casten Dike exhibits possible re-use relating to the Battle of Byland 1322 and WW2, all of which makes it significant archaeology. The attached plan indicates the dike crossing the site, with the designated areas in red, and parish boundaries in purple. Parish boundaries here are clearly based on the prehistoric land divisions.

Whilst the dike may have been damaged during past use of the site, deposits may remain below the surface which will subsequently be destroyed by the planned works. The previous use and topography of the site make it unsuitable for geophysical or earthwork survey. Therefore before any works start, trial trenches are necessary to determine the character and extent of the archaeology. Two trenches will ensure that it is not missed even if sections have been destroyed previously. If the dike cannot be identified, works can continue normally. If the dike is identified, it will need to be subjected to a full archaeological investigation, including environmental sampling. There is a possibility of further prehistoric or medieval earthworks adjoining the dike, which will similarly need excavation and recording.

The successful contractor will need to submit a Written Scheme of Investigation and liaise with us throughout the process, and finally submit a report to the HER.

If the applicant would like to discuss any of the archaeology on site and the work required to deal with it I am more than happy to be contacted again.

Best,

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