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Dear Mr Cardwell

Request for Pre-application Advice

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Many thanks for meeting on site on Wednesday 3rd February. I thought it was a very useful meeting and I certainly prefer to consider a case such as this on the ground rather than in an office.

In considering the two interventions I think the English Heritage position can be summarized by stating that:

1) the existing track through the Oxmoor Dyke can be utilized as a 'route through' provided that the easement and 'open cut' are reduced to as narrow as possible and the works are preceded by an appropriate level of archaeological survey and recording, and then accompanied by an appropriate level of archaeological recording and supervision during the works.

2) the second intervention across the western arm of the Oxmoor Dyke can be accommodated by an 'open cut', provided that the width is reduced (I think we discussed something like 20m on site). Although this might seem a somewhat drastic course, the Dyke in this section has been heavily ploughed, the occupier does not want to enter into an agri-environment scheme, and will continue to farm the land and therefore this might be our last chance to gain some useful information from this monument.

This second intervention is based on the assumption that the landowner is still refusing access to the field currently 'earmarked' for development; I realize that this situation might change and we may have to respond accordingly.



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All the works identified above will require Scheduled Monument Consent, and this should be supported by a thorough archaeological strategy. Similarly those areas outside the Scheduled Monuments will require a similar level of consideration and an appropriate level of archaeological mitigation.

I look forward to receiving your notes on the meeting and will be happy to read drafts of the archaeological mitigation strategy as they become ready for dissemination.

Yours sincerely

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