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**Cc:** Peter Grubb  
**Subject:** FW: Five Lanes Solar Archeological condition (20/08618/FUL)  
**Attachments:** FW: Thank you for your comments 20/08618/FUL

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**Subject:** RE: Five Lanes Solar Archeological condition (20/08618/FUL)

Dear Bella,

Thank you very much for your emails.

My apologies for the delay in responding; I was on leave for two weeks from 23<sup>rd</sup> October and have been catching up on the backlog since my return to work.

Regarding the queries raised in your first email (21/10):

- Condition 6: the geophysical survey and trial trenching were undertaken prior to determination of the application to characterise the archaeological potential of the application area. This work identified an area of archaeological remains which can only be suitably mitigated by an archaeological strip, map and record (SMR) excavation. Exclusion of this area from development or the use of a no dig approach such as concrete feet or gabion baskets would be an acceptable alternative.

- Condition 7: the same trial trenching identified some archaeological features adjacent to the sensitive areas (already excluded) which necessitated a slight extension of these exclusion zones. Even without an extension to any exclusion zones, and Archaeological Management Plan would have been advised ensure the protection the sensitive areas during the construction and operation phases.

I have attached my comments/advice originally submitted 24/11/22 which hopefully should provide some further clarity.

Regarding the queries raised in your second email (11/11):

- The Archaeology Technical Note was produced by the applicant and their agent prior to the trial trenching and prior to the archaeological potential of the site having been sufficiently characterised. The works recommended in the note are therefore somewhat outdated.
- I am satisfied that the archaeological potential of the site was sufficiently characterised by the geophysical survey and trial trenching undertaken prior to determination.
- The wording for both Conditions 6 and 7 is fairly standard wording we advise for developments such as this.
- Condition 6 is a two part condition. The first part (a) requires a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) to be produced prior to development commencing; this is in effect an archaeological method statement which sets out how the archaeological work will be undertaken and the standards to which it will adhere. Part (a) can normally be discharge once we have approved the WSI. Part (b) is normally discharged once the archaeological fieldwork has been completed and appropriate analysis and reporting has been completed.

I hope this information provides some clarity but I'm more than happy to discuss further.

Best wishes,

Tim

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Dear Mr. Havard,

I am writing on behalf of my client, Five Lanes Solar Ltd, in relation to planning permission (20/08618/FUL) for a solar farm and the associated pre-commencement conditions, specifically conditions 6 and 7, set out below (please see decision notice attached). We are preparing an application to discharge pre-commencement conditions and would appreciate some advice on the requirements for these conditions:

6. No development shall commence within the area indicated by application 20/08618/FUL until:

- a) A written programme of archaeological investigation, which should include on-site work and off-site work such as the analysis, publishing and archiving of the results, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and
- b) The approved programme of archaeological work has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.

7. No development shall commence within the area indicated by application 20/08618/FUL until:

An Archaeological Management Plan, setting out how the archaeological exclusion zones are to be scoped out of the development and then protected from impacts during the developmental and operational phases of the proposals, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority

In terms of condition 6, our main query is in relation to the request for archaeological investigation and a programme of archaeological work. We have already carried out a geophysical survey and full trial trenching, and the results were submitted to the LPA prior to determination. Please can you confirm what is now required to discharge this condition?

In terms of condition 7, following the completion of trial trenching we removed sensitive areas from the layout (see green area below in the center of the development). However, this condition seems to request that to be done again – please can you clarify what is now required? I have added an extract of the approved layout showing areas removed prior to determination:



If possible, we would appreciate your confirmation or comments by **24/10/25**, to allow us to finalise the planning documentation and ensure that the condition provides sufficient clarity and flexibility for the subcontractors to complete the works efficiently and in accordance with the recommendations.. Please let me know if you are able to meet this deadline.

Thank you for your assistance, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss any aspect of the conditions in more detail.

Kind regards,  
Bella Waylett

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