



BULFORD

Summary of Proximity to Scheduled Ancient Monument

Built heritage constraint arising from scheduled Bowl barrow

Bowl barrow: one of a group of six round barrows, Sheepbridge Road, Sling Camp (List Entry Number: 1009966)

The Bowl barrow: one of a group of six round barrows, is located 30m to the east of the site and 58m from the closest proposed dwelling. It comprises the scheduled remains of a bowl barrow likely dating to the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age.

The asset exists as part of a surviving group of six barrows, this being the southernmost of the group. They have historic and archaeological interest as surviving examples of prehistoric sites usually utilised as funerary monuments. This interest is shaped by their location within the Salisbury Plain which is a chalk downland containing extensive evidence of surviving barrows from this period. As Scheduled Monuments, the heritage assets are of high significance.

The assets' setting is defined and experienced by their location within Salisbury Plain which comprises a rural landscape including grassland and rolling hills covering a large area of Wiltshire. This setting is also defined by the visual connection between the assets, as the assets likely form a collection of funerary monuments set within a rural landscape. The construction of Bulford Camp and its associated roads and buildings have changed the historic setting of the assets due to the introduction of new visuals (i.e. Sheepbridge

Road) and noise (vehicular movement). However, the rural landscape to the north of the scheduled monuments is largely retained as it has remained undeveloped, but visual and noise impact due to the construction and operation of Bulford Camp have altered the setting of the assets. In the immediate vicinity of the asset, the introduction of 20th century military housing, storage and community buildings (notably the metal-clad storage building immediately to the north-west and the community hall immediately to the east) have had some impact upon the way in which the asset is experienced and its associations with the rest of the barrow group and the open area of Salisbury Plain to the north, which forms the predominant aspect of the assets' setting.

The grouped assets are defined and experienced by their historic relationship with each other as they represent a collection of late prehistoric activity. They are also defined by their location within the Salisbury Plain, a historic chalky grassland with extensive evidence of late prehistoric funerary activities. The predominant association of the southernmost barrow is with the rest of the barrow group to the north and north-east, as opposed to the proposed development site itself, and this relationship would remain

despite the proposed development of the land to west, on the opposing side of Sling Road.

The land of the proposed development site itself would have likely once formed part of the immediate setting of the asset, and indeed the 1858 Bulford tithe map (National Archives via The Genealogist) shows that the proposed development site was situated within an area of open grassland containing a small number of enclosed fields. The centre of the site contains an enclosed field and the western extent of the site sat within open grassland. However, the construction of Bulford Camp in the 19th century has changed the historic setting as the buildings and roads have replaced the grassland and disturbed views between the assets. Military accommodation buildings also occupied the site for much of the early/mid-20th century. As a result, Bulford Camp has created built, traffic and visual impacts which remain intrusive in the setting of the assets. It is, therefore, not considered that the land of the proposed development site forms a principal part of the landscape in which the asset is experienced and understood. Open views exist onto Salisbury Plain to the north of the barrows group, and indeed the barrow group spans

Sheepbridge Road to the north, with further associated funerary monuments (part of an extended funerary landscape) are recorded further to the north on Bulford Down.

The majority of the grouped assets are still located within fields associated with the historic Plain and retain uninterrupted views between each other. Taken overall, the setting of the asset(s) makes a medium contribution to significance. The proposed development would impact the setting of the asset through the introduction of new built forms, connected to Bulford Camp, which would be visible in views out from the asset towards the site. However, much of the assets' historic setting has been changed through the buildings and roads connected to Bulford Camp. As such, the assets' primary relationships would not be impacted by the proposed development.

Taken overall, the proposed development would result in less than substantial harm to the asset individually, and the six barrows as a group.

Plan and Section



