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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for re-consulting on this application.

Reviewing the previous correspondence I note there was some controversy over an archaeological DBA report which had been altered without knowledge of its author. I am assuming that this has been resolved and that the archaeological DBA now hosted on the website is now the appropriate document.

In terms below-ground archaeological remains the site does not appear to have special significance. The late 19th century landscaped gardens would have been of some importance but evidence for this appears to have been lost through more recent groundworks on the site – see photos within the DBA report. In view of this disturbance I do not feel that an archaeological response is indicated under the policies at NPPF chapter 16.

The key heritage impacts of the development are in relation to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, Belper and Milford Conservation Area, and the Grade II Listed Building on the site, and I recommend that you are guided by Historic England, the World Heritage Site advisory team, and your own specialist conservation advice with regard to these impacts.

Regards

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