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Dear Alfia,

Thank you for re-consulting on this application following submission of a geophysical survey in response to previous comments and in pursuance of NPPF para 194.

The survey has identified no probable or possible archaeological responses within the site, barring a single probable former plough headland. The geophysics result show none of the responses that would be typical of medieval or Roman activity in particular the Roman pottery kilns known from the Hazelwood area that would produce a very strong magnetometer response.

Although geophysics by no means a perfect guide to the presence or absence of below-ground archaeology I note the relatively small size of the site at 1.4ha and the distance of around 200m to the nearest known archaeology, as well as the rather spectacularly quiet geophysics results, and I conclude on balance that the potential for previously undiscovered archaeology is therefore fairly low.

There is consequently no need for further archaeological involvement in the site under the policies at NPPF chapter 16.

Regards

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