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Hi Laura,

Thanks you for the additional information.

Sorry for the delay in replying. For future reference if being consulted on additional information or amended plans, it would be best to email us via the E-planning email address which ensures it gets picked up and logged correctly (e-midlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk).

Based on the information the owner has provided, and given our previous position on the other proposals for groundworks on this site, we would ideally not want to see excavations in this area which alter topography if they can be avoided; even for a small structure like the temporary shepherds hut.

I presume the re-orientation could not be achieved without ground impacts and instead by raising up the down slope side rather than digging in the upslope side? (I'm presuming, unless wheels were taken off, that would cause instability/health and safety issues unless also dug in?).

On that basis we note the justifications and accept that re-orientation is not feasible.

In terms of alternative locations, the applicant notes a shed for wheeled equipment is planned on the other side of the greenhouse. This raises a couple of additional comments:

- What size is that shed – if smaller than the proposed shepherds hut could the positions be swapped over – thereby maintain a larger buffer to the scheduled monument? (presuming it doesn't require any other groundworks)

- If not, could that be used to store other equipment aswell, thereby reducing the size needed for the shepherds hut proposed on the down slope side of the greenhouse (which would then just need to be big enough for welfare / a place to site out of the weather, as described in the application)

- Or alternatively could a structure be placed on the upslope site of the greenhouse which provides not only storage for wheeled and other equipment, but also the welfare space the owner seeks?

- It may be worth clarifying what is the extent of proposed use is here and why the applicant would require multiple sheds / spaces. Is this comparable to an allotment, for example, where often there is just a single shed per plot for bot storage space and welfare

Ultimately we do not have an in principle objection to the shepherds hut proposals, but we would like to be certain that all options to maintain an area of 'undeveloped' buffer adjacent to the scheduled monument have been explored and, if a structure is placed here, it is only as large as absolutely necessary so that a decent buffer can be retained.

If you propose to approve the application in its current form (or with alternative structure in this location) you should therefore be satisfied that convincing justification has been

provided and that all measures have been taken to minimise or avoid impacts on the scheduled monument setting.

Many thanks

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