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Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] Planning Consultation - AVA/2026/0656 - archaeology

Dear Laura,
Thank you for consulting on the above planning application.

The proposed solar panel array is just over 20m from a Scheduled Monument, the former Butterley Gangroad, a late 18th century plateway running from the quarries near Crich to lime kilns on the Cromford Canal at Bullbridge. The Gangroad in this location is the 1840s modernisation and re-route rather than the original 1790s build, and there is no indication of a below-ground archaeological interest in the footprint of the development outside the Scheduled Monument itself. While I do not therefore have an archaeological concern you should consult and be guided by Historic England for a view on the setting of the Monument and any harmful impacts. I note that this is not treated in the application which does not therefore address the policy at NPPF HE5 – some illustrative or visualisation photography showing the visual relationship of the proposals to the Monument would certainly be useful here in assessing any setting impact.

Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultee Type: Steve Barker Archaeologist,
Our Ref: AVA/2026/0656

Proposal:
Installation of a domestic solar PV ground array on land adjacent to the property consisting of two rows of 24 panels on a Cornish Rocker fixing system, connected by DC cable via an underground trench to the main residence.

Development Type:
Minor other

Location:

Melkridge House The Dimple Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HP

Applicant:
Mr Piers Barnes
Melkridge House, The Dimple Fritchley Belper DE56 2HP GB

Case Officer Details:
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I enclose details of this application and would be pleased to receive any comments you may have within the next 21 days.

The Application should be available to view on our website within the next 24 hours.

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