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From: Caroline Ford
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To: DC Support
Subject: FW: 21/02337/DISC - Discharge of conditions application

Please could you record and scan onto the above?

Thanks

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Dear Caroline

Thank you for consulting the Design and Conservation Team on the above application.

This response relates to the site wide Masterplan and Design Code only as the specific area included for the remainder of the conditions does not include the listed building.

In the Design Code the only reference to Heritage is

Heritage and Archaeology

4.8 Two barns at Himley Farm have been designated as Grade II listed. The barns are dated to the mid 18th century to 19th century and constructed with coarse limestone and wooden lintels. Their setting is within an area of open farmland. This asset is considered to be of 'Medium' value.

4.9 There are no other listed structures within the application area.

4.10 A key feature of the historic landscape are the field boundaries, which inform the Sites historic use as farmland.

4.11 Whilst the overall historic landscape is valued as 'Low', the hedgerows do serve as a visual reminder of the character of the historic landscape.

4.12 Within the Application Site, evidence of a small area of early-middle Iron Age activity was uncovered. Just beyond the Site boundary to the north and west further evidence of early-middle Iron Age activity and Roman activity was discovered.

There is no indication about why the barns are considered to be of 'medium value'.

There is nothing specifically within the document about providing an appropriate setting for the listed building and this needs to be addressed.

In terms of the Illustrative Masterplan the plan shows Himley Farm being retained, but will little attention paid to providing an appropriate setting. Other than the retention of the existing hedgerow / field boundary to the east there is no indication about boundary features and development is shown in very close proximity to Himley Farm barns.

The school site character area does make reference to the setting of the farm buildings and indicates that they could become a 'Farm School', but there is insufficient information about this and how it will tie in with the existing buildings. Currently the school buildings are shown in very close proximity to the barns and it may be preferable to allow some separation between the historic and modern buildings.

The surrounding character areas which are adjacent to the listed buildings should also make reference to their setting.

Consideration should be given to whether there is capacity for additional green space – particularly to the south of the barns and for development to be edged away from the north-east corner.

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