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**Dear Sirs** 

## Application No. 20/03467/F

## Land adjoining and west of Stonecroft House, Clifton Road, Deddington

We refer to the above application and the recent response from Historic England dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The correspondence considers the impact of the proposed development on both the scheduled monument, Deddington Castle and the Deddington Conservation Area. In respect of both, Historic England concludes that the proposal would: -

"...cause less than substantial harm...There is no formal scale for less than substantial harm, but on a simple scale of minor, moderate and major I assess the harm in this case as being minor."

Historic England's impact assessment mirrors the conclusions reached in the submitted heritage statement (see its sections 5.4.4, 5.4.5, and 5.4.8)

However, the correspondence does suggest some further recommendations which the applicant are willing to provide as follows: -

- 1. The chain link fence south of the development would be replaced with a new stone wall to complete the stone wall boundary around this part of the site. HE consider this would be an excellent benefit
- 2. Subject to LPA confirmation, in line with HE advice, the new planting will be removed along the south edge of the site (shown on Landscape Layout Plan JWL\_011.01B 0) which it is commented will interfere with views into and out from the castle.
- 3. Similarly, subject to LPA confirmation and in line with HE advice, the applicant will amend the two storey property (plot 7) to comprise a steeper roof pitch, without increasing the building height.

4. As is standard, we will of course accept a condition to ensure the use of appropriate materials (as we are already proposing), namely ironstone, wood and slate.

Clearly in HE's view these proposals will represent further heritage benefit to the proposals. We would welcome your views particularly on numbers 2 and 3 above before any amended plans are submitted.

Yours faithfully

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