

Steph Parker

From: Hollie Renney
Sent: 14 March 2024 11:53
To: Nicholas Gilmour; Greg Hilton
Cc: Steph Parker; Neil Osborn
Subject: RE: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology

Hi Nick

Thank you for chasing this up with Richard.

For the avoidance of doubt, is the air photo statement the Cropmark Statement (there was no attachment)?

My understanding is that to satisfy Richard the application needs to be accompanied by:

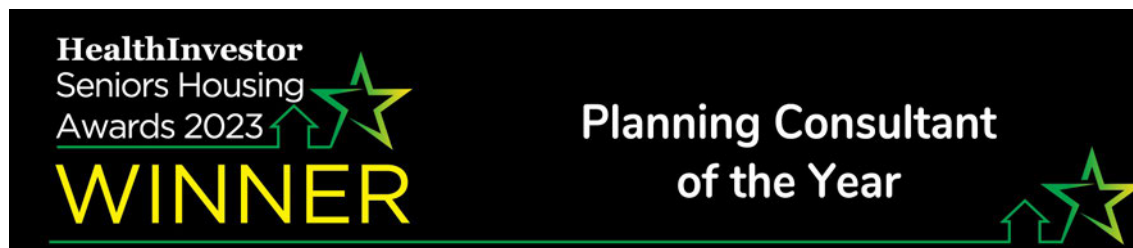
- Desk based Heritage Assessment including geophysical survey, Feb 2024 (prepared by Cotswold/Sumo)
- Archaeological Cropmark Statement, Feb 2024 (prepared by Oxford archaeology)

Is this correct?

Many thanks
Hollie

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From: Nicholas Gilmour [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:32 AM
To: Greg Hilton [REDACTED] Hollie Renney [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology [Filed 12 Mar 2024 09:13]

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Good morning both,

Please see below an email from Richard Havis of Place services. He is confirming that they have not been consulted on the planning for the Uttlesford section of Wickham Hall Solar Farm since 2021. When the application goes in he will be consulted and, with the geophysical survey report and the air photo statement (attached) included, they would not object to the application, but would recommend post-consent archaeological trenching of the site.

Kind Regards,

Nick

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From: Richard Havis - Principal Historic Environment Consultant [Redacted]

Sent: 06 March 2024 08:34

To: Nicholas Gilmour [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology

Hi Nick

I have been hunting through our files for the reason for the response given in Uttlesford's letter. We were not consulted on the scoping opinion request in 2023 according to our records. However, trawling back to 2021 a recommendation was made for the application then that geophysics, AP rectification, and targeted trial trenching, I am assuming that the original letter has been used in the scoping response. With the geophysics, the AP rectification and the existing work undertaken on the existing part of the scheme in Hertfordshire as discussed we would probably be happy to have the trenching post consent.

Richard

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Principal Historic Environment Consultant

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From: Nicholas Gilmour <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:33 AM
To: Richard Havis - Principal Historic Environment Consultant [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology

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Hi Richard,

As discussed on the phone, please find attached the letter for Uttlesford that our client sent us today. Also attached is their current red line boundary (for the Uttlesford side).

Their main concern in the reference to the need for "a Heritage Statement, an Archaeological Evaluation comprising, aerial photographic rectification, and targeted trial trenches" to be included with the application. This seems to be contrary to what we'd discussed in our Teams meeting on 14th February, where we'd discussed targeted trial trenches be secured by a post-consent condition.

Thanks,

Nick

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From: Richard Havis - Principal Historic Environment Consultant [Redacted] >

Sent: 12 February 2024 13:37

To: Nicholas Gilmour <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology

Hi Nick

I have taken over Uttlesford for a few months whilst one of my staff is on maternity leave. Can we have a chat over this one, do you know the original Uttlesford application no and I will have a look at it. I am busy tomorrow but would you be around on Wednesday.

Richard

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From: Nicholas Gilmour [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 2:36 PM
To: Richard Havis - Principal Historic Environment Consultant [REDACTED]
Subject: Wickham Hall Solar Farm archaeology

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Good afternoon Richard,

My apologies if there is a different (general) email address I should send this to.

We are currently carrying out an archaeological evaluation on Wickham Hall solar farm - on the Hertfordshire side of the boarder, after this was granted planning. Our clients are looking to re-submit planning for this solar farm on the Uttlesford side of the boarder too, and have asked us to liaise with the archaeological advisor for Uttlesford on their behalf.

I don't know if you are familiar with the project? A previous application was rejected, with one of the reasons given being heritage related. Since then, a geophysical survey has been carried out on the site.

Going forward, the approach we would like to take would be to discuss what requirements there might be for archaeological work and to produce a (approved) WSI for submission with the planning application. Would this plan be acceptable? Would Place Services want to issue a formal brief?

Kind Regards,

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