

Historic England Answers to ExA's first Q's

1.9.4

The study area extent in the ES can be regarded as agreed by Historic England.

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Yes.

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The lowered level of adverse effect upon the significance of the Grade I listed Fillingham Castle selects from an initial assessed impact of Slight or Moderate. We note the argument set out at the above references as to likely visibility and prominence of panels at distance in this landscape context. Selection between Slight and Moderate impact introduces what may be the illusion of precision given the variety and multiplicity of individual visual experience of the Grade I house in its designed and borrowed landscape setting which need to be encompassed into that singular assessment. We also note that views from upper rooms and battlements / lead flats on the Castle itself were not accessible to assessment and are likely to be very broad. It may be safest to regard the likely level of impact as not worse than Moderate, with the potential to be Slight depending upon the actual visual experience of the scheme in the landscape.

1.9.10

The use of a banksman to mitigate risk to heritage assets has the capacity to address risk of impact / strike and excess vibration / loading etc by reduction in driver error, vehicle speed / sudden breaking etc. However, such measures are only as effective as the degree to which they are integrated into practice via a movement management plan or similar which is 'owned' by the contractors and operatives undertaking the work, hence such a document and its implementation should we suggest be secured against a clear requirement covering its content, purpose, approval and monitoring (or within some more general requirement in respect of such documents).