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For the attention of Rynd Smith – Lead Member of the Examining Authority
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Dear Mr Rynd

Please find below Historic England’s response to ExQ1 - Deadline 4 (D4).

EXQ1 ref	Response required from	Question	HE response
Q.12.1.10	Applicant Local Authorities Historic England	Waterlogged Organic Deposits A strategy has been included in the oWSI [APP-367] to address any unexpected finds (Sections 7.1.14 and 7.3.127). Section 7.1.14 adds that if the relevant local authority finds that further investigation is needed that no construction would take place within 10 m of the remains until further investigation can take place. However, if waterlogged remains are discovered, a greater stand-off may be more appropriate to ensure that the area is not accidentally dewatered before the mitigation strategy is implemented. Does the Applicant agree to amending the oWSI to allow the relevant local authority to set a greater stand-off distance for unexpected waterlogged finds? Local Authorities and Historic England shall confirm what would be sufficient to address this issue.	Paras 7.1.14 and 7.3.127 of the oWSI specifically refers to unexpected finds within the construction programme. We acknowledge unexpected discoveries may occur and need to be considered on a site by site basis. Where waterlogged remains are discovered we agree it may be appropriate to extend the standoff. The oWSI already identifies the role of the LPA curators, and other bodies such as Historic England in the decision making and is appropriate in that regard. We would therefore accept a commitment from the applicant through the oWSI to ensure the 10 m standoff remains the minimum and there is a mechanism for establishing an agreement on the appropriate standoff for waterlogged organic remains should they occur.

If you have any queries on the above please let me know.

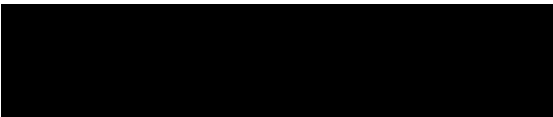
Kind regards

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