Project: A47-A11 Thickthorn Junction

Planning Act 2008

Deadline 2 (26th October 2021): Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1): Historic England response.

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Response by: Dr James Albone

Historic Environment			Historic England response			
HE.1.1	Question to: Historic England, South Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council	i) Can you detail what additional heritage/archaeological impact surveys (if any) should be required of the applicant, in your view, together with their specific scope and content. Please also detail any other information you deem to be required giving specific reasons for that inclusion.	As set out in our Written Representation, Historic England requires further clarification about the position and type of mitigation planting proposed along the Cantley Lane Link Road in the vicinity of the 'Two tumuli in Big Wood' scheduled monument. This should include revised versions of the plans included in the submitted Environmental Masterplan (Section 6.8 of the ES) and be clear about the extent to which traffic on the Link Road would be visible from the westernmost barrow and, in terms of the proposed information panel, whether the barrow would be visible from the Link Road. This information is necessary to ensure that the level of mitigation planting along the Cantley Lane Link Road will be sufficient to effectively reduce the harm to the setting of the scheduled monument. We note from the Applicant's Comments on the Relevant Representations that the remaining archaeological trial trenching and test pitting work is planned for Q4 of 2021.			

			Advice regarding the impact of the proposed scheme on non-designated archaeological heritage assets is provided by Norfolk County Council Environment Service. In view of this we consider it is for Norfolk County Council to advise whether the results of the further archaeological trial trenching/test-pitting and geoarchaeological monitoring are required prior to the examination hearing or whether this information can be provided post-consent to inform the archaeological mitigation works.
HE.1.1	Question to: Historic England, South Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council	ii) Set out any suggested amended requirement wording to the dDCO to ensure appropriate mitigation/consultation is secured, or by what other means you consider appropriate.	Requirement 9(1) 'Archaeological Remains': Although advice on non-designated heritage assets is being provided primarily by Norfolk County Council, Historic England retain an interest in the non-designated archaeological heritage assets within the scheme area in our capacity as a provider of specialist archaeological science advice.
			In view of this, Historic England request that we are included as a consultee on the approval of the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation. We suggest that the final sentence of Requirement 9(1) in the dDCO should be amended to conclude `following consultation by the undertaker with the relevant planning authority and Historic England'.
			Requirement 9(2) 'Archaeological Remains': Historic England do not wish to make any comments/suggestions.