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Dear A12 Chelmsford to A120 Case work Team

Deadline 5 (ISH3) written submission

Please find below Historic England's Deadline 5 response relating to Issue Specific Hearing 3, Agenda Item 8, Cultural Heritage.

Historic England still has concerns in terms of the impact of two proposed offline sections - on the Scheduled Monuments known as 'Neolithic long mortuary enclosure at Appleford Farm, Rivenhall End' and 'Medieval moat at Marks Tey Hall'.

We set out a reasoned assessment in our Deadline 2 submission. We have also considered REP2-060-006 and REP2-060-007 submitted by the applicant. We have considered our position and it remains unaltered from that set out in our submission.

We consider the significance of effect on both highly-graded designated heritage assets would be moderate adverse and thus material in the decision-making process.

The assessment of the level of harm, however, is a matter of professional judgement – and we acknowledge the applicant's understanding is different to ours.

We do not believe additional on-site mitigation is possible at these locations to reduce the level of harm (in terms of the significance of effect) to the highly-graded designated heritage assets that we have identified.

We have suggested to the applicant on 16 March 2023 that off-site mitigation – relating to the enhancement of the two affected Scheduled Monuments, i.e. 'Neolithic long mortuary enclosure at Appleford Farm, Rivenhall End' and 'Medieval moat at Marks Tey Hall', should be investigated to offset the harm that we have identified – and because we do not believe additional on-site mitigation is possible.

This work might include:

- Removal of the Scheduled Monument at Appleford Farm, Rivenhall End, could be removed from intensive arable cultivation.





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- Repairs to secure the Grade II* Listed Marks Tey Hall South Barn, which is currently on the Heritage at Risk Register.

In both cases, we consider this would provide important and real public benefit for these highly-graded designated heritage assets that would go some way to addressing the harm that we have identified to these assets by the scheme.

We would like to see a commitment to this work from the applicant and we would be pleased to explore this further with the applicant.

If you would like further clarification in relation to our advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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