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Attachments: [Dean Moor Solar Farm LVIA Review FINAL 170625.pdf](#)
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Hi Melissa Whitlock,

I attach the consultation comments from Cumberland Council as currently available. The Cumberland Dean Moor Local Impact Report will follow as a separate document.

1. Comments from the Cumberland Highways and Local lead flood authority area attached by letter.
2. Comments regarding the Landscape and Visual Assessments are attached via a commissioned report on behalf of Cumberland Council.
3. Cumberland Historic Environment Officer comments are below:

‘Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The submitted Environmental Statement (ES) concludes that the construction and operation of the proposed solar farm will have a significant moderate adverse effect on the setting of the designated heritage assets of the Large Irregular Stone Circle and Round Cairn at Dean Moor scheduled monument and Wythemoor Sough listed building. I suggest you consult Historic England and your conservation adviser regarding the impact of the scheme on these assets and I defer to any forthcoming comments that they may make. In terms of the proposal’s impact on non-designated archaeological assets, the application site has been the subject of an archaeological desk-based assessment, an archaeological geophysical survey and a walkover survey and these have identified a number of archaeological assets and areas where potential archaeological assets may be present on the site. These include late-19th century mining remains and geophysical anomalies detected by the survey as being of potential interest. I agree with the ES that these assets are likely to be of low/moderate significance and that the construction of the proposed development would disturb them causing, in a worst-case scenario, a major adverse effect.

I have no objection to the proposed scheme with regards to its impact on non-designated archaeological assets. I consider that, in the event consent is granted for the development, a suitable archaeological mitigation scheme should be implemented to either protect, or to investigate and record the remains, where appropriate. The Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS) in appendix 6.3 of the ES provides an adequate framework for the mitigation. It states that the mitigation should comprise a staged approach starting with an archaeological trial trenching evaluation. In the unlikely event that archaeological remains of highest significance are identified in the evaluation, they would need to be protected from harm during the construction and decommissioning of the scheme. Adequate methodology for achieving this protection would need to be agreed in writing prior to the

commencement of the construction of the scheme. Any archaeological remains of lower significance revealed in the evaluation would need to be subject to a programme of archaeological investigation and recording in line with the procedures outlined in the AMS. A written scheme of investigation for this programme of archaeological work would need to be submitted, and agreed upon, prior to the commencement of the construction of the scheme.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

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Historic Environment Officer'

Kind regards

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