

Thank you for the invitation to attend Issue Specific Hearing 5 on Cultural Heritage matters.

Having reviewed the agenda and the matters identified for discussion, Historic England concluded that attendance at the hearing was not necessary. Our position has already been set out in previous written submissions, and discussions with the applicant regarding archaeological mitigation remain ongoing. As such, we had no substantive additional evidence or update to provide that would assist the hearing at this stage.

Our position on the key archaeological matters remains unchanged. We will continue discussions on the archaeological mitigation strategy and will provide any further comments through the examination process as appropriate.

We therefore considered that attendance at the hearing was not required to assist the examination at this time.