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Andrew,

P162166/O: land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland: residential development.

Thank you for consulting me about this application.

- I note the submitted archaeological desk based assessment, provided by Border Archaeology.
- As is indicated by this assessment, although there are no recorded heritage assets within the application site specifically, there are a number of assets closely adjacent that may be of relevance. The conservation area of Kingsland borders the south eastern perimeter of the site, and the site is close to or within the broad zone of the recorded medieval battlefield of Mortimer's Cross (1461 AD).
- As is also indicated by the assessment, to the east of the site is an area of high potential for [below ground] prehistoric finds. There is no good evidence that this area extends into the application site, and the recent agricultural history of the application site is likely to have compromised any surviving remains of this period. Nevertheless, there is likely still to be some moderate interest here.
- As regards the likely implications of the proximity of the recorded battlefield zone, such zones are intrinsically difficult to define, and *in situ* remains of substance from them unlikely. I am not of the view therefore that it represents a particular constraint in this case.
- In summary, **I have no objections**, although I do think it appropriate in this case to require some limited archaeological recording under condition as mitigation. This would be in accordance with NPPF Para 141 and Policy LD4 of the core strategy. **I would suggest standard condition E01/ C47.**

Regards,

Julian

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