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Nick,

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Thank you for consulting me about this application. I have the following comments to make.

- I note the Historic England representation already received. I would defer to my colleagues in Building Conservation / Landscape as regards any potential issues as regards the 'setting' of the church of St Mary Magdalene to the south-east of the site. There are not likely to be any other setting issues.
- As the application acknowledges, the general landscape within which the proposed development is situated has high potential for the survival of buried archaeology of importance, particularly that of Roman date. However, it is clear that because of the more recent history [of the solar park site] there is only low potential in the specific areas to be developed. This is principally because of its former use for gravel extraction and then as a landfill site. It is almost certain that very little trace of the original deposit profiles will survive here.
- Accordingly I would regard both the site and what is proposed for it as being fully acceptable – indeed a good choice as regards archaeology.
- I would suggest an archaeological condition (standard E01 / C47) under para 141 of the NPPF. To be clear, this would relate to limited precautionary recording only, given the broad interest of the area.

Regards,

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