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Dear Mr Thandi

Archaeological Works at Castle Hill, Almondbury, Huddersfield undertaken at Archaeological Service WYAS 2018

Archaeological Services WYAS were commissioned by you to undertake archaeological evaluation, initially by drone survey, and subsequently by trial trenching.

These requirements were established at a meeting held between your representatives, myself, Ian Sanderson from the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service and Neil Redfern, Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments from Historic England. At this meeting, Neil made his requirements for archaeological works at the site very clear.

The drone survey was undertaken to produce a topographic and earthwork model. It was used to support an application to Historic England for Scheduled Monument Consent, in order for the required trenching to be undertaken.

The application for Scheduled Monument Consent was also accompanied by a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) which detailed how and why the archaeological trenching was being undertaken.

The production of the WSI was assisted by a site meeting at Castle Hill between the client, architect, and representatives of ASWYAS and Historic England. A proposed trenching plan was discussed and Keith Emerick requested modifications to this trenching proposal.

The WSI, with Keith's modifications addressed, was approved by both Ian Sanderson, Archaeological Advisor to Kirklees Council, and Keith Emerick, Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Historic England.

Scheduled Monument Consent was obtained on the basis that the WSI was adhered to during trenching and reporting. The resulting report was then provided to the client to form part of their planning submission.

To summarise, ASWYAS have done everything required of them by Ian Sanderson, Archaeological Advisor to Kirklees Council, and Keith Emerick, Ancient Monuments Inspector for Historic England. They were provided with opportunities to monitor the on-site trenching works and to comment on the resulting report.

In relation to one final matter, it is my professional opinion that the archaeological impact of the passing ways proposed for the access road can be determined once planning permission has been granted. The level of archaeological mitigation required would be determined by Ian Sanderson (if the land is not scheduled) or by Keith Emerick (if the land is scheduled). The level of mitigation would be dependent on the depth of any intrusive groundworks.

Yours sincerely

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