

## Sexton Paul

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**Sent:** 13 April 2010 10:20  
**To:** Sexton Paul  
**Subject:** Heydon Grange Wind Farm, Heydon - Request for a scoping opinion

Dear Paul

Thank you for your consultation regarding the archaeological aspects of the above scoping opinion request.

Our records indicate that the proposed wind farm is located in a landscape of high archaeological significance. Known archaeological features currently recorded in the area include:

- The Bran Ditch (Historic Environment Record Number 07802); a linear earthwork of Saxon origin. This is one of the five Cambridgeshire Dykes and although not scheduled in this area, should be considered of national importance.
- A ring ditch and probable enclosures/field systems of probable prehistoric origin (HER 09732).
- Ring ditch traces of prehistoric burial mounds identified on aerial photographs (HER 09736, 11448).

Further enclosures, linear boundaries and ring ditches are also known from cropmarks in the surrounding area and numerous finds from the surrounding fields have been reported through the Portable Antiquities scheme.

We would therefore advise you that the proposed development may have a severe detrimental impact on significant archaeological remains. Consequently we would advise you that this impact should be evaluated as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed development. This assessment should include non intrusive (aerial photographic assessment, geophysical survey) and intrusive techniques (test pitting, trial trenching) to identify the extent, character and significance of all aspects of the historic environment likely to be affected by the proposed development. This would enable an informed decision as to whether the proposed development is appropriate in the context of the historic environment and, if appropriate, should consider strategies to mitigate the impact of the development on the historic environment.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Regards

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