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Dear Mr Hainge

ROTHERWAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS

I am writing to offer English Heritage Advice regarding the best method of preserving archaeological remains on the route of the Rotherwas Access Road, as requested within a Herefordshire Council Motion of 27th July, and discussed at a meeting between Herefordshire Council and English Heritage on 3rd August.

The design of the archaeological fieldwork by Herefordshire Council and its execution by Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service has been carried out within a PPG16 context. English Heritage advice has been sought within that context, although it is the responsibility of Herefordshire Council to decide upon a course of action.

EH has discussed the site with Council staff and with the site archaeologists, and agrees that an appropriate level of recording has been undertaken within the road corridor. EH is considering financial support for work outside of the road corridor that will enable the sites extent and character to be more fully defined. English Heritage does not intend to make a recommendation regarding scheduling until this work is completed. Our view, however, is that the remains are fragile, and that in-situ preservation is appropriate in this case whether the remains are scheduled or not.

English Heritage Advice

English Heritage advice is that the archaeological remains should be preserved in situ. If Herefordshire Council decides to go ahead with the road English Heritage recommends that the design solution prepared by Herefordshire Council and Owen Williams of July 2007 offers appropriate long term management.

Yours sincerely

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