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Subject: RE: Pasture House Farm, West Marton 3/2012/0310/P
Graeme,

Our initial concerns regarding the development of field to the rear of Pasture House Farm was that our records suggested that earthworks associated with medieval settlement in this area might still survive, and whether or not this would be a constraint on the proposed location of the turbine. The archaeological assessment carried out by Meerstone Archaeology (January 2012) demonstrated that there are no surviving earthworks in the field, and that the location of the turbine, as far as this aspect of the potential archaeological interest in the site, is of no concern.

However, the potential for surviving below-ground archaeological deposits is one that still remains, and given the depth of excavation proposed (1.3m) can only be satisfactorily dealt with by intrusive archaeological investigation. Consequently I would recommend that further archaeological investigation of the excavation works required for the turbine base should be undertaken, and that such works are secured by means of the following condition:

Condition: No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological/historical importance associated with the building/site

This is in accordance with NPPF paragraph 141 – "Local planning authorities should make information about the significance of the historic environment gathered as part of plan-making or development management publicly accessible. They should also require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible."

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