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Dear Heather Morrison,

**CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE
SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDSCAPING AND
BURIED GRID CABLE ROUTE
LAND BETWEEN WOODEND AND MOOR ROW, EGREMONT**

I am writing to you concerning the implications of the above application on the historic environment.

An OS map of 1860 shows the site of an old Nonconformist grave yard extending into the redline application area. While the grave yard was subsequently partially covered by a railway line in the late-19th century, the fate of the burials within the cemetery is unknown. It is therefore considered that the construction of the proposed development has the potential to disturb human burials.

Consequently, I recommend that, in the event planning consent is granted, the site of the former grave yard is subject to archaeological investigation and any remains found be treated with appropriate due care and attention. I advise that this archaeological work should be commissioned and undertaken at the expense of the developer and can be secured through the inclusion of a condition in any planning consent. I suggest the following form of words:

No development shall commence within the site until the applicant 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 Local Planning Authority.

This written scheme will include the following components:

- i) An archaeological evaluation;*
- ii) An archaeological recording programme the scope of which will be dependant upon the results of the evaluation;*
- iii) Where significant archaeological remains are revealed by the programme of archaeological work, there shall be carried out within one year of the completion of that programme on site, or within such timescale as otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA: a post-excavation assessment and analysis, preparation of a site archive ready for deposition*

at a store approved by the LPA, completion of an archive report, and submission of the results for publication in a suitable journal.

(Reasons: To afford reasonable opportunity for an examination to be made to determine the existence of any remains of archaeological interest within the site and for the preservation, examination or recording of such remains)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

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