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Your reference: 4/25/2198/0F1 • Our reference: JNP/Cu/4252198

Dear Christie Burns,

**ERECTION OF VISITOR CENTRE WITH CAFÉ/SHOP, GROUP ROOM,
STAFF/VOLUNTEER, TOILET FACILITIES AND CAR PARK; CONSOLIDATION,
REPAIR AND INSTALLATION OF INTERPRETIVE SCULPTURE TO TOWSEY HOLE
WINDMILL; REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING TERN HIDE; NEW BIRD
HIDES/VIEWING SCREENS, PATHWAYS, GATEWAY FEATURES, STREET
FURNITURE AND DEMARCATION OF SPACES AT EXISTING CAR PARK;
ENHANCEMENT OF WILDLIFE HABITATS; ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND
DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE; AND MAINTENANCE OF BYWAY WITH
RESTRICTED VEHICULAR ACCESS (THE IRON LINE PROJECT)
LAND AT HODBARROW NATURE RESERVE, MILLOM**

Thank you for forwarding the amended written scheme of investigation for an archaeological watching brief and a photographic record of Towsey Hole Windmill. I confirm that I consider the submitted document to be acceptable and that it scopes an appropriate archaeological mitigation scheme for this development.

In the event planning consent is granted, I recommend the watching brief and photographic record described in the submitted WSI is implemented in full by a qualified archaeologist. This programme of work can be secured through the inclusion of a condition in any planning consent and I suggest the following form of words:

The archaeological watching brief and the photographic record of Towsey Hole Windmill described in the submitted written scheme of investigation by Wardell Armstrong (dated July 2025 on the inside cover) shall be implemented in full by a qualified archaeologist. Within two months of the completion of the development, a digital copy of the archaeological report shall be furnished to the Local Planning Authority.

Reasons: Watching brief - 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 investigation and recording of such remains. Photographic record of Towsey Hole Windmill - To

ensure that a permanent record is made of the building of architectural and historical interest prior to its alteration as part of the proposed development.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Parsons
Historic Environment Officer