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Afternoon Michelle,

I've been in various conversations with the applicant's archaeological provider about requirements for archaeology. The geophysical survey showed several areas of interest as per my previous comments, and it is entirely standard to expect evaluation via trial trenching in support of the application. The cumulative effects of the various impacts of solar schemes are great and the effectiveness of no-dig mitigation options and avoidance are not yet proven. As such it is vital that solar schemes have a good baseline understanding of the archaeological implications and resource.

I had discussed a trenching scheme some time ago, but I think that was before the refusal. The clients archaeological provider is starting evaluation trenching on parts of the site next week as part of a phased approach to evaluation. Should the application be granted on appeal I would want to see further evaluation as well as a provision for any follow-up mitigation that may be required. Would you like me to suggest to you conditions that I would like to see recommended?

I hope that helps,
All the best
Emily

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