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**Attachments:** 24/00384/FUL - Land Adjacent To A614, Worksop [Amended]

Hi Kirsty/Planning,

Please see the below response in relation to the amended plans for 24/00384/FUL

Thanks, Jamie

### **24/00384/FUL - Land Adjacent to A614, Worksop**

I refer to the above...

#### **Site Assessment**

The proposal site relates to an area of land which lies adjacent to the eastern aspect of the A614 on the outskirts of the Worksop. The proposal site is situated within the immediate setting of both the grade I listed 'Clumber Park' Registered Park and Garden (List Entry Number: 1001079; Designated: 1st January 1986), and the grade I listed 'Thoresby Park' Registered Park and Garden (List Entry Number: 1000361; Designated: 1st January 1986). The site is also located within the immediate setting of several other designated heritage assets, including that of: the grade II\* listed 'Gate Piers and Flanking Walls to Normanton Gate' (List Entry Number: 1156026; Designated: 19th September 1977); the grade II\* listed 'Drayton Gate' (List Entry Number: 1045058; Designated: 13th February 1967); and the grade II listed 'West Bridge' (List Entry Number: 1370411; Designated: 31st March 1985), which is itself also designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument (List Entry Number: 1006400).

The site itself is comprised of a range of open field systems that are located along the eastern aspect of the A614 road. The boundaries of the site are primarily comprised of mature trees and hedgerows, as one would expect of an area of open rural countryside. The proposal site runs parallel to the main thoroughfare of the A614, which encompasses the sites western boundary. The southern boundary of the site runs parallel with West Drayton Avenue, which is itself a public footpath. The northern boundary of the site runs roughly parallel with the southern banks of the River Poulter, beyond which lies another publicly accessible footpath. The western boundary of the proposal site abuts a swath of mature woodland. The proposal site contributes resolutely to the open rural countryside setting of the heritage assets outlined above. The setting of the grade I listed Clumber Park, as well as that of the adjacent grade I listed Thoresby Park, owe much of their setting/significance to this open and rural character.

#### **Overview of Proposal**

The current scheme relates to the proposed construction and operation of a 54.5 GW-h solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System covering an approximate area of 73.22 Hectares on land adjacent to the A614. The proposed works would also include all associated works, infrastructure and landscaping. The following comments relate to the submission of a desk based assessment of the proposal sites access and visibility.

#### **Assessment of Proposal**

The key consideration is the scheme's impact upon the setting of the surrounding/nearby designated heritage assets, including that of: the grade I listed 'Clumber Park' Registered Park and Garden (List Entry Number: 1001079; Designated: 1st January 1986), the grade I listed 'Thoresby Park' Registered Park and Garden (List Entry Number: 1000361; Designated: 1st January 1986); the grade II\* listed 'Gate Piers and Flanking Walls to

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The submission of the site access and visibility review has little material impact upon the assessment to which Conservation have based their previous comments upon. With that in mind, Conservation would refer back to their previous comments which were published in December Of 2024 (see attached).

In reaching the above views, Conservation have had regard for: Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990; Policies ST40 and 41 of the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038; and Paragraphs 202, 207, 208, 210, 212, 213, 215 and 219 of the NPPF (December 2024).

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