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I have reviewed the Archaeological Interim update submitted as part of approval of condition 9 (Archaeology). The archaeological evaluation was proposed to be completed in 2 phases, the first consisting of the excavation of trenches 1-6, 9-10 and 12-15, with the remaining 3 (7, 8 and 11) of the proposed 15 trenches scheduled at a later date. However, due to the presence of asbestos within the proposed area of trenches 2-6 these were not able to be completed during the phase 1 excavation works and are now proposed to be excavated as part of the 2nd phase of works.

During the site visit I was informed that due to a change in project design that there was now no proposed construction around the area of trenches 4 and 5 and if I were to be provided with an updated project design demonstrating this, the trenches in this area may be possible to be descope from the programme of archaeological works. However I have not yet received an updated project design.

Due to these factors the archaeological condition cannot be fully discharged until phase 2 of trenching is completed and a full report submitted. However, I am satisfied that the area of the site located around trenches 9-10 and 12-15 does not have a significant archaeological potential and therefore there would be no requirement for further archaeological works within this immediate area.

I would be happy to discuss this further as required