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Subject: RE: HPK/2017/0247 - archaeological submission

Dear Jane,
With regard to the information provided below:

- 1) The route of the Roman road shown on the NWW map is simply that shown on Derbyshire HER and derived from Peter Wroe's work in the 1970s and 1980s. This is largely conjectural, though the existence of a section at or close to Reddish Farm is likely to be real. However, Wroe doesn't illustrate this section or show where it was excavated. The NWW map doesn't therefore convey any greater information on the line of the road than we already had when looking at the outline application.
- 2) The site has had geophysical survey and evaluation trenching, which has identified nothing of archaeological interest off the line of the Midshires Way footpath. Trenching on the line of the Midshires Way was not conclusive but did identify a sequence of interest, with a bank of grey clay laid on top of a former land surface. Although no dating evidence was found, and no evidence for a surviving metalled road surface, this stratigraphy was comparable to that encountered on another nearby site on the possible alignment of this Roman road (at Elnor Farm, Whaley Bridge, south of the Goyt), where a similar bank of grey clay material was identified. Given the similarity between these sites, it is not therefore impossible that the bank is a continuous feature representing the poorly preserved *agger* of the Roman road. This is however not confirmed at the present time.
- 3) If this is the case, the road must have crossed the Goyt at some point between here and the Elnor Farm site. The south-eastern portion of the current site has been subject to geophysics and trial trenching, however, with no evidence for the road identified. The only possible area of survival appears to be beneath the Midshires Way.
- 4) Much of the archaeological work called for below has therefore already taken place. There is however a need for some further work before development where the line of the Midshires Way is to be impacted, in order to further investigate and provide a chronology for the undated features on this line. If this work suggests that road does indeed turn to the east, then some additional fieldwork in this direction would be indicated.
- 5) This email is therefore really a convoluted way of saying that previous comments and recommendations still stand.

Regards
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