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Subject: HPK/2022/0456 Land at Dinting Vale, Dinting, Glossop. Proposed residential development comprising 100 dwellings including areas of public open space, landscaping and associated works - archaeology

Dear Steven,

Thank you for consulting on the above planning application.

The proposal site crosses a record on Derbyshire HER (MDR11569) for the Roman road between Brough and Melandra. The line shown on Derbyshire HER is indicative and the line suggested by Wroe is more properly on the line of the – clearly embanked – lane to Adderley Place through the proposal site. Wroe has recently reviewed his work however and is of the opinion that the true line may lay slightly to the north, and that there may be two alignments – one earlier and one later – both of which could potentially run across the current proposal site.

Although the potential for a Roman road or roads is noted in the applicant's heritage statement this seems to get lost in the conclusions which relate to setting issues with no mention of below-ground archaeology.

A well-preserved Roman road would be nationally important and potentially designatable – there are Scheduled sections elsewhere in the county including one recently identified as part of housing proposals at Kirk Langley. This would potentially therefore be a constraint on development and must be understood more fully at the point of determination in line with NPPF para 194.

The application therefore requires archaeological field evaluation to establish archaeological significance and impact across the site in line with NPPF para 194, with specific reference to one or possibly two Roman road alignments which may or may not be on the line of the existing lane. An appropriate non-intrusive geophysical technique (perhaps GPR or earth resistance) should be carried out across the whole site insofar as it is accessible, but this will also need supplementing with trial trenching to establish hard and fast data on preservation and levels.

In the absence of this information I object to the application as it currently stands, as there is insufficient information to understand significance and impact in relation to potentially nationally important archaeological remains (NPPF para 194).

Regards

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