

## **Summary of meeting between Anna Badcock and Tony Hanna 3/10/22**

Following an email on 28/9/22 from Tony Hanna (now of ECUS Ltd) to Anna Badcock of the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) requesting a meeting or phone conversation, a meeting was held at Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell at 11:30am on 3/10/22.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of geophysical survey<sup>1</sup> in the parkland of Thornbridge Hall, and to try and establish some common ground or points of principle on which we agree in relation to the archaeology of the parkland and gardens at Thornbridge.

### **Summary of discussion**

1) We are agreed that the geophysical survey has greatly enhanced the information in the previous desk-based assessment (Core Document CD1.02). It confirms that there is archaeological potential in the parkland which forms an important part of the site's chronology and historic narrative.

2) We have a high degree of confidence that many of the anomalies detected by the geophysical survey are of archaeological origin.

3) There is some evidence for phasing within the geophysical survey results. From his experience, Tony proposes that anomalies 2h, 2i and 2g are possibly of early medieval date, but a prehistoric origin can not be ruled out.

4) We believe the unauthorised development has removed, truncated or damaged buried archaeological deposits to some degree. We can not be certain to what degree because there was no opportunity to examine the area through controlled archaeological evaluation, nor are there records of construction depth, so we have not reached a consensus on the level of harm that has occurred.

5) We can not be certain of the level of significance of the archaeological remains that have been impacted. Although they are unlikely to be of schedulable quality, National Park Policy (DMC5) does also give weight to the protection of non-designated heritage assets, in line with the NPPF.

6) The impact on potential archaeological deposits in the area of the unauthorised café is less clear, but we agreed that fragile garden archaeology (relating to the former Productive Garden), if present, would likely be within the levels of 'made ground' (i.e. landscaped), as indicated in the borehole taken in 1937.

7) We are agreed that any further intrusive works would have a potential impact on archaeological deposits and should be evaluated appropriately and monitored if necessary. This would include any remediation or mitigation works for the café, surfacing, road and drainage.



8) We are agreed that a Conservation Management Plan (CMP), to include the Hall, the gardens and parkland, would be of great benefit to the future management of the estate and should be a priority. This would establish an understanding of the significance of the whole place, including a better understanding of the buried archaeological resource. A geoarchaeological deposit model could be beneficial.

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<sup>1</sup> The geophysical survey (2 phases) was carried out in May 2022 and the report will be submitted by the appellant as additional material for inclusion in the public enquiry.

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Signed:

	
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