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Your ref:

Our ref:

Date: 8th April 2013

Dear David,

**HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD CONSULTATION RESPONSE FOR:
*Burbage, Hathersage and Houndkirk Moors AG004298211***

Thank you for your request for information and advice about the historic environment features on this holding, received in this office on 8/02/2013. Please include a copy of this letter and *all of the attached information* when submitting your completed FEP to Natural England.

Please find the following attached:

- A copy of the Historic Landscape Characterisation map
- A copy of the relevant section of the HER map

In addition, the following advice has been provided to help you enter information into Section 3.2 of the FEP:

FEP Part 3.2a: Historic landscape character:

Please see the attached sheet.

FEP Part 3.2b: Potential for management of the historic environment:

This holding was the subject of detailed archaeological assessment for the Moors for the Future in 2006: *Conservation Heritage Assessment of Burbage*. The features are grouped by survey theme in a series of maps printed for the holding: prehistory, communication routes, industrial, Enclosure period, recreation, World War II. The mostly unimproved moorland means that many of these features have not suffered disturbance and their potential contemporary associations means that this is a significant heritage landscape.

Features designated as Nationally Important Scheduled Ancient Monuments lie in parcels 5808 and 4680: they include the hillfort of Carl Wark, probable burial (large) cairns, ring-cairns, small cairns and banks from stone clearance – all prehistoric in date, together with the ruins of a possibly 19th or 20th century rectangular gritstone building. Not scheduled, but of considerable significance, are the areas of iron-working waste from the medieval bloomeries in parcel 5808.

In addition there are extensive remains of prehistoric barrows/cairns and banks (in parcels 4680, 5808), a Roman Road and a Turnpike Road (5808), and other routes of hollow ways and terraced trackways (0374, 2378, 3375, 5808, 8058, 9965), some associated with stone-getting and quarrying, with working waste including millstones and crushing stones (5808, 1882). There is also one engraved waymark stone (5808) and a single-arch gritstone bridge (5808). Also post-medieval boundaries, buildings and farmsteads, now ruined (2378, 3375, 5808) and features related to a World War II decoy (5808).

The potential for enhanced management of the historic environment:

The optimal management of the Scheduled Monuments should be one of the outcomes of the scheme. In the 2006 report, (above), the erosion caused by the footpath that traversed across Carl Wark was highlighted. Some repairs were conducted in 2004, with the recommendation that these be monitored, alongside consideration to re-directing the path to the west of the Scheduled Monument. Minor erosion patch/bare earth was also noted at SM barrow 431.6 (parcel 5808). This should be highlighted to English Heritage and solutions sought. Scheduled Monuments would be dealt with by the Yorkshire and Humberside office (contact the regional inspector, Neil Redfern).

Elsewhere on the moor, erosion was also noted at barrow 431.26, bloomery 431.59, building 431.60, and, of less significance, shooting butts 431.134 – all in parcel 5808.

For heather management, this should include a management plan which protects all heritage features. If there are any issues such as erosion, bracken encroachment or trees becoming established on these features, this should be highlighted and we would ask for further consultation.

We would strongly support the restoration of traditional field boundaries on this holding. In any rebuilding, all original wall furniture should be maintained like for like.

There should be no ground disturbance of any earthwork features. We would ask for further consultation on the locations of any intended bird scrapes, and would be happy to advise in more detail on the impact of works of this nature.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries on any aspect of this consultation response.

Yours sincerely,

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