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Dear Sir, Madam,

Re: Herefordshire Travellers Sites DPD Main modifications consultation

Many thanks for consulting Historic England on the above consultation.

We have limited comments to raise at this stage; our comments are set out below:

MM12/MM16 my colleague, Rohan Torkildsen, made reference to the site at Stoney Street and Nashend Lane as part of an earlier consultation in November 2018. He raised the need to consult with local heritage advisers to ascertain the potential impacts to local heritage assets. We have no specific comments to add at this stage, though we do reiterate the need to undertake this exercise in light of comments in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

MM13 includes reference to biodiversity and heritage which we support. We would request an amendment to the text stating that instead of 'and/or' the clause relates to 'where relevant, biodiversity assets and ~~the~~ designated and undesignated heritage assets ...' or some wording that means that where relevant, assets will be fully considered and not an 'or' situation. On the second sentence of this clause we would recommend, 'satisfactorily mitigated' be amended for 'appropriately mitigated'.

MM14 we are supportive of the introduction of a clause relating to the historic environment in clause 7.

Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment modifications

We are supportive of the statements made in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.7, and consider that the amendments to the policy will be positive for the historic environment.

Paragraph 2.13 we did previously raise the need for local heritage advisers to consider the potential impact to local heritage assets as a result of development sites. Setting can be affected even where there is no visual link between the development site and any heritage



assets and as such significance can still be affected. Please see our Good Practice Advice Note 3 for further details, if required.

We are cautious of paragraph 2.18 which states that there could be negative effects for nearby listed buildings as a result of development at Nashend Lane, Bosbury, and that these will be minimal due to existing screening. As raised above, setting is not restricted to a visual relationship and as such it is difficult to agree with this judgement without further clarification. My colleague did raise the need to assess this site, at a local level, in earlier correspondence in November 2018.

We are happy to engage if there are any future iterations or modification to the Plan.

Kind regards

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