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Dear Mr. Johnston,

Heather Hills, Birchall Lane, Leek

Thank you for consulting this office regarding the proposed scheme to erect a single house on land at Heather Hills, Birchall lane, Leek. My colleague, Stephen Dean, provided comments on the previous application SMD/2017/0147 in his letter of 11th May 2017. I can confirm that my comments upon the archaeological potential are unchanged.

I acknowledge that the application is supported by a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for an archaeological watching brief in line with Stephen's previous advice. I can confirm that I have reviewed the WSI and am satisfied that it meets with the requirements of NPPF para 141. Consequently I would advise that a condition should be applied to any consent granted which should read:

"No development shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation previously submitted and approved. The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the approved Written Scheme of Investigation and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured."

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The historic environment specialists based in the Staffordshire County Council Environment Advice Team would be happy to provide further assistance with regard to this project. In the interim, should you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Taylor

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