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Conservation Response.

Date: 16/02/2023.

File/Application ref: DET/2023/0003. .

Case Officer: Ben Hurst.

Proposal: 'Change of use of an agricultural building to residential use including associated building works that are reasonably necessary to convert the building for use as a larger dwellinghouse'.

Address: Stanley Farm Bungalow, Dial Lane, Congleton, Staffordshire, SK11 0RU.

Dear Ben,

This application is adjacent to:

Quarry, Long Edge Plantation, Biddulph Park.

Monument UID: MST13175.

HER No: 51758.

Victorian 1888AD to 1888AD.

20th century quarry amidst the trees of the Long Edge Plantation. Visible on the second and third edition of Ordnance Survey Maps of 1905 and 1915 respectively. Visible on the 1963 aerial photographs of the area but not on the 2000 series.

Scheduled Monument as designated by Historic England, titled *The Bridestones Neolithic chambered long cairn.*

List UID: 1011115.

The monument is the Bridestones Neolithic chambered long cairn located on the western flank of Cloud Hill, a ridge forming a prominent northern extension of Biddulph Moor, with extensive views across the Cheshire plain to the east. The monument includes a chambered tomb measuring 6m x 2.7m made of large stone slabs set on edge and divided into two now broken cross slab. South of the chambers entrance is a portal stone 1.2m high. To the east of the chamber is a forecourt originally surrounded by a complete or partial circle of stones of which 3 survive. Limited excavation of the forecourt during the 1930's revealed cobbling which included a charcoal layer containing flint blades and a flint scraper. The long cairn covering the chamber was recorded in 1764 as being c.110m long x 11m wide. It was largely carted away for roadmaking that year. A second chamber in the centre of the mound was recorded as measuring c.2.2m square x 1m high and a third chamber was noticed in 1766. A plan of the monument in 1766 shows four portal stones - two north and two south of the chamber's entrance. The forecourt was surrounded by six stones in semi-circular form with two conjectural stones completing the circle. Two stones stood within the circle and two stood outside the

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circle to the east. A drystone wall, all fences and information signs are excluded from the scheduling, although the ground beneath all these features is included.

Other historic elements in the immediate vicinity are:

Historic landscape at Manor House Farm to the north with respective Monument UID: MST6401. Landscape park post medieval to Victorian. 1547 – 1899.

Historic farmstead to the north, Willowshaw Farm, C19 with no UID designation.

Historic farmstead a short way to the east, Wolfe Lowe Farm, C19 with no UID designation.

Historic farmstead a short way to the south east, counterpart to Wolfe Lowe Farm, C19 with no UID designation.

Currently I don't foresee any impact imposed on these elements.

Regards,

Miss E Holland.
Conservation Officer.