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George

Many thanks for speaking to me on the phone. In relation to your queries, and apologies I didn't make them clearer in the applications.

Geophysics

As outlined on pages 19 to 22 of the Research Design CFA and Alice Blackwell undertook geophysics in the Glebe Field in the 1990s and 2000s. Specifically, they believe they found two rectilinear structures. These are the structures we are hoping to investigate.

As stated on page 42 we will undertake a programme of geophysics ourselves prior to the excavation. This is to ensure that we are 100% accurately locating the prospective structures and tying the trench locations into the Ordnance Datum. This will also ensure that we give HES accurate trench locations.

Budget

We are being employed by Aberlady Conservation and Historic Trust who have received grants from HLF (*Our Heritage*), the Strathmartine Trust and East Lothian Council. I am easily content that this budget is adequate to cover all the excavation and post-excavation works and costs as set out in the Research Design and comply with all necessary HES and wider CIFA standards. I am more than happy to send you AOC's tender for the work which gives more details should you require this. Further, in the extremely unlikely event of major unexpected discoveries I will ensure that these are dealt with through the existing AOC infrastructure so that there are no issues with any heritage component of the Glebe Field.

Timing

We hope to be on site for just over 2 weeks, beginning April 22nd.

Reinstatement

All of the area will be backfilled under supervision by the AOC team, the area then reseeded. Teram will be placed across the site prior to backfilling. As outlined on page 41 of the Research Design AOC are happy to employ reinstatement contractors, if HES deem fit. I have already arranged for the tenant and landowner to turn up on site the next day to ensure they are happy with re-instatement and I would welcome HES at this meeting too. In the unlikely event that reinstatement is not to your satisfaction then this situation will be, of course, rectified immediately until you are satisfied.

I do hope this answers all of your queries and sincere thanks again for all your help and advice.

All best

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