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Dear Mr Mitchell,

Thank you for consulting English Heritage on this request for a scoping opinion for open-cast extraction and the likely impacts on the historic environment.

- general advice on these matters may be found in *Mineral Extraction and Archaeology: A Practice Guide* (Mineral & Historic Environment Forum 2008). Copies may be downloaded at www.helm.org.uk

- we note that the line of Rykniel Street Roman road passes through the development site and its line and survival should be the subject of detailed assessment and field evaluation. A short section of this road in Tupton is scheduled because of its national archaeological importance.

- we note with interest that seven mineshafts are known within the footprint of the proposed development, and these together with evidence of pillar and stall working (para 2.15) indicate the presence of industrial archaeological remains which potentially are of significant importance to the history and archaeology of coal-mining in Derbyshire

- *Mineral Extraction and Archaeology: A Practice Guide* sets out a staged and incremental process to the assessment and field evaluation of archaeological remains of all periods using appropriate techniques, including the remains of our more recent industrial past.

We would be pleased to provide further advice as required.

Yours sincerely

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