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Dear Mr Brown

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**LAND 800 METRES SOUTH OF PARK HOUSE FARM, MERIDEN ROAD,
FILLONGLEY
Application No. PAP/2023/0071**

Thank you for your email of 29 September in relation to the above site. Historic England was not originally consulted on this application, and we understand that the application is now at appeal and that our comments are sought for the appeal process (reference APP/R3705/W/24/3349391).

Historic England Advice

Our comments focus on the potential impact of the proposal on the significance of the scheduled monument of 'Ringwork castle 80m south west of Castle Farm' (NHLE 1013152) and 'Church of St Mary and All Saints' (Grade II* listed building, NHLE 1034820). The proposed development would be within the setting of these heritage assets. We understand that the application information refers to other heritage assets, and we will leave these to the local authority to address.

Should we have been consulted on the original application we would have provided the advice set out below.

Significance

The Ringwork castle, known locally as Castle Yard, was the principal Warwickshire residence of the Hastings family from the early 12th century until the end of their family line in the late 14th century.

It is significant as one of only two known examples of Ringwork castle in Warwickshire. Its well-preserved earthworks and buried features retain important information on its form, development, and inhabitants.



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The castle has an unusual location, sitting at a low level in the landscape, located on the confluence of two streams and at the foot of slopes to the west, south and east. This siting appears to have been deliberately selected to maximise the use of the water in the design of defensive form and functional elements. This siting, enclosed by the surrounding landscape is unusual for a castle that are normally in a strategic siting to dominate the settlement or control an important route.

Castle Yard replaced an earlier castle to the northeast of Fillongley village which had been abandoned by the 13th century. The siting of Castle Yard may represent a particularly important example of the transition from castle to moated site as the dominant form of seigneurial residence.

St Mary and All Saints church is 12th century in origin and lies at the heart of the historic village of Fillongley. The church and its village are nestled at the foot of surrounding rising ground. The church tower is a focal point of the village and dominant in views towards it.

Impact

From the information provided, there would be no direct impact on the scheduled monument or church.

The development represents land use change within the wider setting of both the scheduled monument and the church. Views out from both heritage assets would be largely unaffected.

The main experienced change would be in wider views of both heritage assets from elevated positions where both asset and proposal will be visible in the same view. However, it would appear from information provided that the contribution made by the setting to their significance would be largely unaffected due to the separation of the heritage assets from the proposal site and the intervening topography and vegetation.

The proposal is not considered to harm the significance of the heritage assets.

Policy

We draw your attention to the statutory duties of the decision maker set out in section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and the requirements of sections 12 and 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Historic England's Position



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The proposed development is not considered to harm to the significance of the Church or scheduled monument.

Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds.

Yours sincerely

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