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16 ARCHAEOLOGY & CULTURAL HERITAGE

16.1 IAMP ONE Phase One

16.1.1 Chapter G of the 2018 Environmental Statement (ES) that was submitted to support the IAMP ONE Phase One hybrid planning application (ref. 18/00092/HE4) included an assessment (prepared by Golder Associated Ltd.) of the development in relation to cultural heritage. The 2018 ES was further accompanied by an archaeological evaluation that was undertaken at the site by Archaeological Services Durham University, the results of which were detailed within the IAMP Phase 1 Sunderland Archaeological Evaluation Report (2017). The 2018 EIA did not identify any significant effects on cultural heritage and archaeology and no mitigation was proposed in relation to these aspects. Planning consent for the hybrid application was approved in May 2018.

16.2 IAMP ONE Phase Two

16.2.1 As detailed within the IAMP ONE Phase Two Development EIA Scoping Report (November, 2019), a detailed assessment of cultural heritage was scoped-out of the EIA for the IAMP ONE Phase Two Development outline planning application (ref. no. 20/00556/OU4). However, information obtained from an historic building survey of West Moor Farm (to be demolished) buildings was included as an appendix to the 2020 ES. This was presented in the West Moor Farm Historic Building Survey Report (Wardell Armstrong, 2020). Planning consent for the outline application was approved in June 2020.

16.3 West Moor Farm

16.3.1 A full application (ref. 21/01330/FUL) for the demolition of West Moor Farm was submitted to Sunderland City Council in June 2021. As part of the application package, the West Moor Farm Historic Building Survey Report (Wardell Armstrong, 2020) was resubmitted. The application has been validated and is awaiting determination.

16.4 2021 Application

16.4.1 To accompany the current detailed IAMP ONE Phase Two application, a standalone Heritage Impact Assessment has been prepared by Lichfields. In addition to this, the land at West Moor Farm was subject to evaluation trenching and the results are detailed within the Land at West Moor Farm, Usworth, IAMP One Phase 2, Sunderland, Archaeological Evaluation Report (2021), which has been prepared by AD Archaeology Ltd. and is included within Appendix 16.1 of this ES.

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- 16.4.2 The Heritage Impact Assessment concludes that the proposed development would have a Negligible Adverse impact (Not Significant) on the significance of Penshaw Monument (Grade I Listed), which is situated, approximately, 4 km to the south of the site, as a result of changes within its setting and loss of glimpsed views of the monument. The proposed development will, however, be seen from the monument in the context of a highly industrialised setting to the north.
- 16.4.3 The Heritage Impact Assessment also concludes that the proposed development would have a Negligible Adverse impact (Not Significant) on the setting of the Grade II listed buildings at Downhill Farm, which is situated, approximately 2.5 km to the north-east, as the site is a distant feature of the setting and is seen in the context of surrounding development. There would be no impact upon their architectural and historic significance.

16.5 Summary

16.5.1 The proposed development will have a negligible adverse neutral impact upon the heritage assets present within the local area. Additionally, no significant archaeological features were recorded during the evaluation trenching and, as such, no further archaeological works are required at the site. Archaeology and cultural heritage should, therefore, not preclude development and, given the negligible effects, these topics have been scoped out of this EIA.

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