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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 8th March 2018.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the scale of the proposed development, located within an elevated site that is archeologically and culturally significant and proximate to Recorded Monument ME038-011, it is considered that the proposed development would result in an unacceptable impact on the archaeological and cultural heritage of the Recorded Monument and its location within the landscape, would result in an unacceptable visual impact in the landscape and would materially and adversely affect the character and setting of the Recorded Monument and would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities of the area and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development.

Note: The Board gave consideration to a split decision, whereby the field immediate north and west of the National Monument would be excluded but, considering this field incorporates the proposed access to the site as well as DNO substation, were of the view that such a split decision would not be appropriate.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board did not share the Inspector's view that the archaeology issues have been

resolved or that the development would not adversely impact on the landscape setting or the visual amenity of the area.

Board Member

Date: 13th March 2018

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