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Experience

Richard has over 20 years' experience as a field archaeologist and consultant working throughout the UK. He has provided archaeological and heritage support to projects as diverse as the construction of visitor facilities in the garden of Hillsborough Castle to the development of Section 36 wind farms and grid connections in Scotland and housing developments in Scotland and England.

Richard's involvement in major wind farms, single turbines and solar projects throughout the UK has given him particularly wide ranging experience in the robust assessment of setting impacts. This experience has in recent years been brought to bear in relation to projects outside the renewable energy sector and he is currently providing support to a residential development adjacent to a scheduled monument and conservation area in Berkshire.

Richard's background in field archaeology allows him to negotiate effectively with LPA archaeologists and formulate realistic and effective mitigation measures to address on-site archaeology. He is currently managing the post-excavation phase of work following the excavation of a barrow and associated enclosure within an Inventory Battlefield, the final stage of programme of work that has seen desk-based research, a metal-detecting survey, trial-trenching and set-piece excavation. His input to the project has resulted in the work being undertaken rapidly in order to allow construction works to proceed unhindered and the financial risk associated with dealing with archaeology to be controlled throughout the project.

Richard is based in the Edinburgh office. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Field Archaeologists.

Key Projects

Dolphingstone Farm, E. Lothian Hallam Land

Input to planning application for residential development within an Inventory Battlefield and management of post-consent archaeological mitigation.

Priestgill Wind Farm, South Lanarkshire Muirhall Energy

Preparation of ES chapter for wind farm in area with numerous scheduled monuments nearby.

Peterlee Solar Farm, Co Durham Zaravolt

Input to planning application and management of post-consent fieldwork for a solar farm.

Kenton Lodge, Newcastle McCarthy & Stone

Input to planning application for residential development and post-consent archaeological fieldwork and historic building recording.

Mill Hill Solar Farm, N. Yorkshire Lightsource

Setting assessment to address consultee concerns. Heritage objection was dropped and consent granted.