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Whiterig Farm

Client

Locogen Ltd

Location

Scottish Borders

Services Provided

Archaeology

Date of Completion

August 2012

Key issues

Visual impacts on the setting of a Scheduled Monument and listed buildings.

Physical impacts on sub-surface archaeology.



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A development proposal for two 45m wind turbines elicited screening opinions that expressed concern over potential impacts on the setting of cultural heritage assets from both Historic Scotland and Scottish Borders Council. In particular, effects on Habchester Fort, an impressive prehistoric monument some 2.8km distant (pictured).

CgMs were commissioned to undertake an assessment of the impact on the setting of the fort as well as other Scheduled Monuments and listed buildings. After visiting the assets and inspecting visualisations, potential effects were considered in relation to the impact on the heritage significance of the assets. The assessment concluded that the proposed development entailed no appreciable impacts on the heritage significance of the fort, or any other assets.

CgMs also considered the potential for sub-surface archaeological remains to be disturbed as a result of construction. It was concluded that there was moderate potential for remains to be exposed and CgMs proposed the most cost-effective mitigation solution: monitoring topsoil stripping during development.

The scheme currently remains in planning but the local authority archaeologist has expressed agreement with the assessment of setting impacts and the proposed mitigation.

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