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**Subject:** WSI for trial trenching Little South Solar (DOV/23/01363)

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope you are well? I have been contacted by the agent who needs confirmation the WSI is agreed and Headland can proceed with the trial trenching. I understand the WSI was discussed at the meeting last month. Please could you contact them urgently?

Kind regards and thanks,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Following the site visit this week and conversations with the landowner it has become apparent that trenches T9 and T10 in the east of the site coincide with a former railway line that ran roughly north/south through this area. It is visible on historic OS mapping of 1919-1947 and 1937-1961 and referenced in the DBA but not illustrated.

I attach an image with the georeferenced OS map of 1937-1961 showing the proposed trench realignment and former railway line as well as the updated WSI.

I hope you agree that the trenches are appropriately located? If possible it would be great to be able to confirm the coordinates with the fieldwork team asap, in preparation for getting out on site next week.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



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Dear [redacted]

I attach the Written Scheme of Investigation for our proposed archaeological trial trenching and archaeological monitoring. I append the KCC generic spec requirements - many thanks for sending those through.

FYI - we are hoping to begin the watching brief of the soakaway pits w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All being well we are aiming to get the evaluation underway asap in conjunction with this.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** RE: WSI prep

Hi [redacted]

Please find attached a copy of KCC's generic requirements for trial trenching.

As discussed in our meeting if you could note in the WSI that the works will be carried out in accordance with these requirements and a copy of them appended to the WSI that would be helpful.

I appreciate that there may be some areas where these generic requirements have become outdated (for example we agree that high-resolution digital photographs taken using professional quality (DSLR or equivalent) cameras can be used instead of 35mm transparencies). Similarly,

some of the professional standards and guidance referenced have likely been updated and where out of date guidance is referred to its successor/replacement should be used instead.

If any major deviation from our generic requirements is proposed this should be identified within the WSI and a justification provided for why an alternative approach is proposed.

I trust that the above is helpful and would be happy to discuss further if needed.

Kind regards,

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Hi [Redacted]

Many thanks for your input earlier in the week into the Little South Solar scheme.

Can you send through the Kent County guidance/standards for inclusion in our WSI?

Thanks,

Best wishes,

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- The geotechnical test pits- soakaway test pits were excavated several weeks ago. They had an archaeologist present. No archaeological deposits, structures or artefacts were identified. The methodology can be updated, but the work has been executed already. The information will be integrated into the evaluation report. In summary topsoil over clay-rich deposits.

If [redacted] wants to visit on Thursday, she is welcome- there is a greater likelihood of the trenches all being open by Friday and would recommend that as the day to visit.

Kind regards,

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Dear all,

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Best wishes,

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I am not sure what time you will be available [redacted]

I can be around all day but I know [redacted] will be making his way from further afield so I expect he won't be able to be there very early, and afternoon may be better if possible?

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I suggest we meet at the access gate off East Street. It's the best option for cars and there is plenty of space to park just inside the site (as shown on the aerial photo below).

In terms of PPE, I would suggest the usual hi-vis, steel toe-capped boots and hard hat.

[redacted] – does that sound ok to you?



Many thanks

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Thank you for sending over a draft copy of the proposed WSI for trial trenching. I offer the following comments.

In terms of the number and position of the proposed trenches these look broadly reasonable. I suggest however that if archaeology is present in the area of TR1 and TR2 (positioned on the channel edge) then it may be necessary to carry out additional trenching to understand more fully the character and extent of any remains present. I suggest that additional contingency trenching is allowed for in these areas. Similarly, for TR8, it may be necessary to adjust the position of this trench to take account of the results of the trenching (TR3 – 7) along the ‘raised spur’ of land. So, for example, if the line of the Roman road is evidenced in TR3 – 7 the position of TR8 may need to be adjusted to pick up the projected alignment. Again, I would suggest that some contingency trenching is allowed for here if significant waterlogged timber remains might survive.

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On the basis that the above comments will be addressed then I would be happy to agree the WSI.

In terms of a site visit I am available either on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. I understand that [REDACTED] is only available on the 19<sup>th</sup>. If we went with the 19<sup>th</sup>, then I can only make the morning (meeting on-site at about 11am would suit) – do you think you will have all the trenches cut by then?

Many thanks,  
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Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Further to our draft WSI for the trial trenching at Little South Solar, we have agreed a start date with the landowner and plant hire company (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of September). This accommodates the planting schedule of the landowner who is keen for us to be finished as soon as possible.

I appreciate the WSI has been with you for a little while: we would welcome your comments on it in the meantime but will assume that you are happy with it if we don't hear from you before the commencement of work on site. The WSI is based on our discussion of the EM and ERT surveys and best locations to target as well as the county-specific guidelines you shared with us.

A member of the team inspected soak-away test pits recently and noted sequences of clay-rich deposits immediately beneath the ploughsoil. No sign of any peat or organic-rich deposits in the top 2m (yet). Conversations with the landowner have been interesting- he has land elsewhere which is rich in Romano-British finds, but he says the solar development site is "sterile"- detectorists have found nothing there. The trenching may tell another story!

We would also welcome you to site to inspect the open evaluation trenches.

We think that Friday (20<sup>th</sup> September) would probably be the best day to visit – say 11.00am? But we can also accommodate you on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> if that is more convenient. We plan to work into the weekend and wrap up the recording then if possible.

If you have any queries, feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks for your help navigating the archaeological requirements,

Best wishes,  
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Hi [redacted] / [redacted]

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Hi [redacted]

Many thanks for confirming. 11:30 works for me and I think [redacted] has also confirmed that this time would work for him too.

I suggest we meet at the access gate off East Street. It's the best option for cars and there is plenty of space to park just inside the site (as shown on the aerial photo below).

In terms of PPE, I would suggest the usual hi-vis, steel toe-capped boots and hard hat.

[redacted] / [redacted] – does that sound ok to you?



Many thanks

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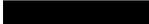
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Hi [redacted]

Many thanks for confirming. 11:30 works for me and I think [redacted] has also confirmed that this time would work for him too.

I suggest we meet at the access gate off East Street. It's the best option for cars and there is plenty of space to park just inside the site (as shown on the aerial photo below).

In terms of PPE, I would suggest the usual hi-vis, steel toe-capped boots and hard hat.

[redacted] – does that sound ok to you?



Many thanks

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Hi [Redacted]

Could we say 11:30 om Friday 20<sup>th</sup>? If you could let me know details of parking/where to meet and any site-specific PPE requirements that would be appreciated.

Many thanks,  
[Redacted]

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11.00 or 12.00 is good for me



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Many thanks for confirming ██████████ It does seem like Friday would be the best day.

I am not sure what time you will be available ██████████

I can be around all day but I know ██████████ will be making his way from further afield so I expect he won't be able to be there very early, and afternoon may be better if possible?

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Kind regards,

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