



# CLASP

## Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Dear Sir

### **West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy-Consultation**

Please find attached to this letter a duly completed copy of your Consultation Questionnaire for the subject document. To make this submission simpler we would also like to draw your attention to the CLASP website [www.claspweb.org.uk](http://www.claspweb.org.uk) that has copies of all of our planning submissions to WNDP and the Daventry Appeals available under the 'Planning Submissions' tab. Currently the only items that are missing from the website are the Statements of Common Ground for the Monksmoor and Danetre Village developments at Daventry, hopefully these will be online within the next fourteen days, I will notify you when they are there.

You will also note that CLASP made a written submission to the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee Enquiry: - 'Protecting, preserving and making accessible our nation's heritage'. Hopefully you will note the contents of this submission where relevant.

We would draw your attention to the current PPG 16 regarding archaeological considerations in the planning process. However as you are probably aware there are currently two new documents relating to archaeology in the consultation phase that will have effect on archaeological considerations in development and planning in the future. These are the draft PPS 15 that can be downloaded at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/consultationhistoricpps>

and the English Heritage Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide that can be downloaded at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.21136> . It will be noted that this latter document makes specific reference to the preparation of both Regional and Local planning strategy documents. Whilst it is admitted that these documents are not yet finalised there would appear to be every likelihood that, in their final form, they will be the documents outlining national policy on archaeological issues for the future. We do therefore consider that they should be used as a standard for archaeological issues in the WNJPU Joint Core Strategy. Perhaps reference should be made to them in your finalised document as the standard to which all archaeological issues be handled throughout the life of the Strategy.

If you require any further detail or explanation on this response do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by email

Yours sincerely

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