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Dear Iain

Nutwell South  
Geophysical survey: progress update

Further to our recent discussions, I am writing to provide you with an update of the progress and initial findings of the geophysical survey to date. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 the survey is on hold pending access being made available to areas currently under crop, however approximately 40 hectares of the 60 hectares total survey area has been completed; 2 hectares are unsuitable for survey due to overgrown vegetation. The areas completed, and those remaining to be surveyed are shown on the attached figure.

The majority of the area surveyed does not appear to contain anomalies of archaeological interest, however in the western part of the site, adjacent to Nutwell Lane, there is clear evidence of archaeological activity in the form of a number of apparent enclosures (preliminary plot enclosed). The date of these cannot be established with certainty without investigation by trial trenching, however considering the known archaeological character of the surrounding area, it is likely that they are of Iron Age or Romano British date.

On the basis of the current results, trial trenching will be required in the area of the enclosures, and also within blank areas to test the accuracy of results, in support of any future planning application. We advise that if possible any development proposals that are developed should seek to avoid the area of archaeological interest identified by the survey; this will enable the remains to be preserved *in-situ* and minimise the amount of archaeological investigations that will be required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Keyte', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Keyte  
Senior Heritage Consultant