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Dear Sir/ Madam

As a member of the Town Council planning committee, I would like to echo the points we raised as a group. Namely, that the area around Clay Lane (east of Newark) should be removed from the strategic planning area as both a local amenity with environmental value, accessible to people without private transport. Also, it is an area with a flood risk. With many such areas being developed, there should, in my view, be areas left undeveloped for the finding of new water routes which will not impact housing.

Thirdly, there may be archaeological value to the site. I would like to raise the point that excavations so far have been possibly hindered by over reliance on the Royal Commission estimates in the 1960s about the location of civil war sites. Also there has been an understandable reluctance to disturb hedgerows. While this is laudable, defences often used ditches at the edge of field systems which are similar today. Therefore, by not disturbing hedges, which are earmarked for destruction anyway, archaeological excavations are being hindered.

I would also like to echo the query around continued adherence to EU legislation. If this is in force, that is acceptable but if not, it is arguably an irrational use and waste of local authority officer time and resources. I would be interested if any clarification of this is possible, please.

Yours sincerely,

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