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Dear Paul,

**EIA (Agriculture) Regulations - Consultation Request
Puncheston SN 0594 3064**

Thank you for your EIA screening request. Within this consultation area is the scheduled monument of Banc Du PE532, PRN 14383, the only confirmed Neolithic Enclosure (c.3650 BC) of its kind in Wales. Cadw will make a response concerning the scheduled area.

Whilst investigations took place on this enclosure over 15 years ago, with an evaluation excavation taking place in 2005 in which the character and date of the earthwork was established, the area beyond the scheduled monument and its outer enclosure has not been fully assessed archaeologically. The potential for further archaeological remains beyond the scheduled area are possible - an earthwork survey of the monument suggests further banks may extend beyond the enclosure itself.

Therefore we would therefore strongly recommend that the rest of the consultation area should remain undisturbed and under permanent pasture.

In addition the scheduled area of a Deserted Medieval Rural Settlement at New Inn PE402, PRN 1560, lies in the southwest corner of the field, which again Cadw will comment on.

In addition two quarries, PRNs 54382 and 54383 are recorded.

Given the nature of the archaeology, and that further archaeological remains within the consultation area cannot be ruled out, we recommend that a stable grass cover is maintained in this area and that the ground surface must be left undisturbed.

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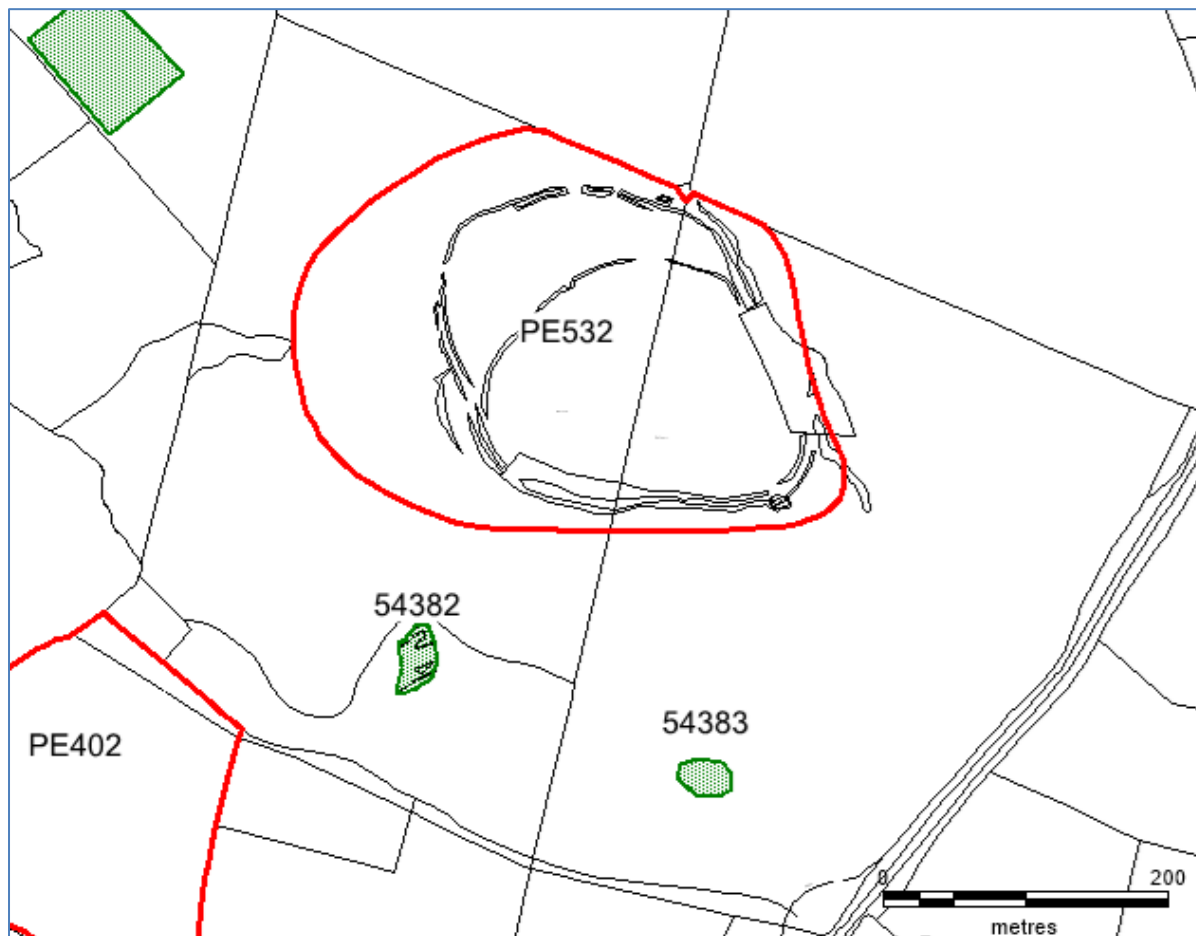
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Best wishes

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