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Dear Paul,

EIA Agriculture Consultation - T044 2024 OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Thank you for the EIA Agriculture Consultation.

I have checked the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and there are no known historic environment features recorded within the consultation area.

Although, the area was subject to a Tir Gofal Farm visit in 2003 (Project Record Number 45662) conducted by Dyfed Archaeological Trust archaeologist, Polly Groom. This was in response to the landowner being approached by a group who were interested in locating the grave of Prince Geriant, presumed to be buried in a lead coffin. A large mound in the southwest of Cefn Maes Mawr was suggested as a possible site for the grave mound of Prince Geriant.

The results of this farm visit describe that,

- *“Although it seems likely that the site is of natural origin, a geophysical survey may still yield evidence to the contrary.”*
- *“The present management regime involves only light grazing across this field and should be continued.”*

Terradat were commissioned to conduct the geophysical survey in 2004. Their results include,

- *“No deep anomaly attributable to a buried metal coffin was found within the mound, but several shallow targets have been located on and off the mound confirming the area was used as a location to deposit artefacts or debris.”*





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These are of an unknown origin as it is believed that the field has not been disturbed by farming practices.”

- *“The fact that no isolated deep anomaly was detected within the mound does not rule out the possibility that the site was used for burial but the remains have no physical properties detectable within the response depth of the instruments.”*

There is always the possibility for previously unknown remains to survive within this area of which we have no knowledge. Should further archaeological features or finds be identified it is important that Henneb – The Trust for Welsh Archaeology, Heritage Management, Dyfed region, is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

Yours sincerely

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