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5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Paul,

**EIA (Agriculture) Regulations - Consultation Request  
S019 2023 Llandissillio**

Thank you for your EIA screening request. I have checked your map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record and other sources and note the consultation area encompasses the scheduled monument Castell Pen-Gawsai (PE289) therefore Cadw must be consulted. I am copying this response to Louise Mees, Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Archaeology (Southwest Wales).

Castell Pen-Gawsai; Castell Blaenllechog is a roughly circular, earthwork enclosure occupying sloping ground at 220m above sea level at the head of valley. The ramparts are massive in comparison with the internal area, with the bank standing 3.3m high externally and 1-3m to 1.8m internally and traces of a ditch 0.3m to 0.6m on the west and south. A lowering of the bank on the southeast side indicates the site of the entrance. The dished interior measures c.24m by 20m.

There is some debate concerning the date of this site. Hogg & King listed it as a medieval castle site, while the RCHMW considered it a medieval homestead.

Given the size of defence and the small internal area a medieval date is most likely, but an Iron Age date cannot be ruled out.

K Murphy 21 November 2006 - compiled from several sources

<http://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/sam/FullReport?lang=en&id=3723>

In addition, the application lies within the Historic Landscape Character area of Rhosfach.

<https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/Preseli/area/area267.htm>

I have also noted the following Historic Environment Features within this consultation area:

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RCAHMW NPRN 411,966 IRON AGE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE SN10922830  
Denuded earthworks of an oval or curvilinear enclosure sited on a hillside and slightly terraced. The probable remains of a later prehistoric defended enclosure. Recorded during RCAHMW aerial reconnaissance. T. Driver, RCAHMW, 28th Oct 2010.

<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/411966/>

PRN10634 MEINI-HIRION MEDIEVAL DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT SN110279  
Earthwork remains of a settlement complex recorded in 1983. Included two platforms, a yard and possible garden area. Said to be known locally as the "Blacksmiths", but no standing structure stood here within living memory according to local informants. RPS July 2001; Access not gained in 2002.

<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/401477/>

The consultation contains several archaeologically sensitive areas. Therefore, to reduce the risk of damage we advise that these areas (marked in green on the second map) be excluded from ploughing and reseeded. There is also a peat layer running down the right side of the consultation boundary, rich with vegetation. In addition to its environmental benefits peat is also an important archaeological resource therefore we recommend that this area (marked in red on the first map) also be excluded from any disturbance.

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 Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can be provided as required.

If you require any more information or guidance, please get in touch. DAT would also appreciate any updates to the project and encourage contact if the recommendations are unable to be fulfilled.

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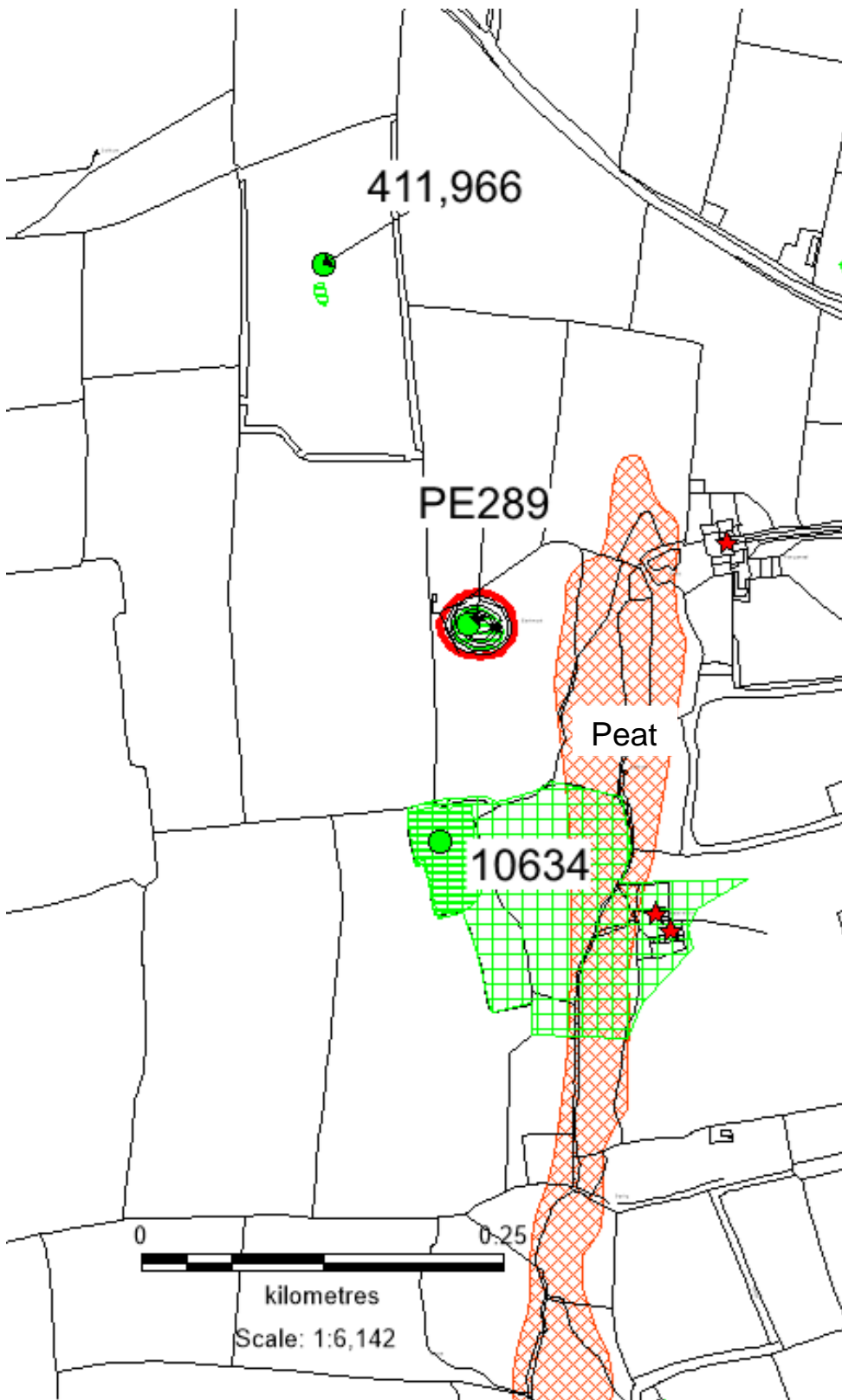
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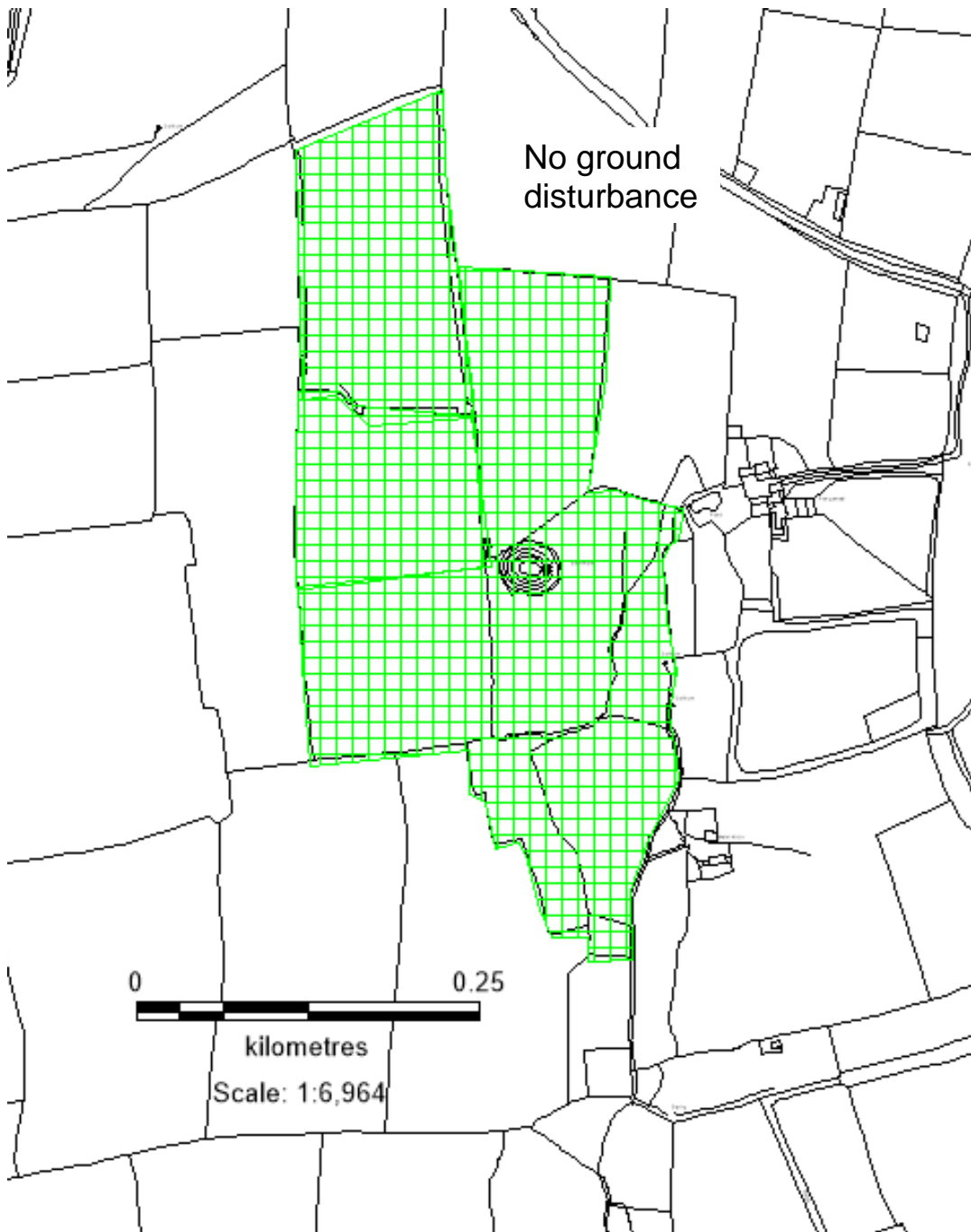
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