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Dear Emily

Somerset Hospital – Revised plans: Archaeological Impacts

Please find attached a short statement I have compiled after our meeting last week.

Please contact me if you have any further queries

Yours sincerely

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SOMERSET HOSPITAL PRECINCT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY IN TERMS OF REVISED PRECINCT PLAN 2007

Extensive archaeological testing of the site has been carried out during 2006. The findings of this study indicate that bed rock is close to surface, areas where there was any soil depth was sterile of generally protected archaeology. The chances of any impacts taking place are considered to be very low. Due to the intensive physical testing of the site, our confidence in this finding is considered to be high.

Below ground archaeology

	Extent	Duration	Intensity	Status	Significance	Probability	Confidence
Without Mitigation	Local	Permanent	Very Low	Negative	Very low	low	High
With Mitigation	Local	Permanent	Very Low	Neutral - positive	Very low	Very low	High

Mitigation:

This will involve periodic site inspections, monitoring of bulk excavation to make sure that in the event of archaeological material being impacted, its context is recorded, material photographed, rescued and curated.