



TO: Gillian Pinna-Morrell (Case Officer), Lichfield District Council
FROM: Strategic Policy Team, Burntwood Action Group (BAG)
DATE: 8th January 2026

RE: Application 25/01485/OUTM – On-site Survey Activity Observed

Dear Gillian,

The Burntwood Action Group (BAG) is writing to formally record that professional **Geophysical Survey** activity (Magnetometer Array) was observed being conducted on the proposed development site at Coulter Lane Farm today, **8th January 2026**. Photo evidence provided below.

We understand this work is a direct response to the significant concerns raised by the community and the **Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan** regarding the archaeological sensitivity of this land, specifically its proximity to the **Christ Church Heritage Cluster** and the potential for undocumented burials/unmarked graves.

Under the requirements of **NPPF Paragraph 200** (Heritage Assessment) and **Paragraph 201** (Non-designated Heritage Assets), we formally request the following:

1. **Full Disclosure:** That the complete **Geophysical Survey Report**, including all interpretation plots, be uploaded to the Planning Portal for public scrutiny as soon as it is received by the Council.
2. **Provision of Raw Data:** That the raw magnetometer data be made available to the Council's Archaeological Advisor (Staffordshire County Council) to ensure a robust and independent audit of the findings.
3. **Trenching Requirement:** Should the survey identify any "magnetic anomalies" or potential features, we trust the Council will mandate a programme of **trial trenching** to ground-truth the findings before the application is permitted to proceed to a Planning Committee.

The presence of a survey team on-site today confirms that this land is of significant heritage interest. It would be procedurally unsafe for the Council to determine this application until the results of this survey have been fully analysed and subjected to public consultation.



Photo: taken today of the surveyor in the fields behind Church Road

Yours sincerely,

The Strategic Policy Team Burntwood Action Group