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I have reviewed this submission and it does not present any substantive new material. The bulk of the submission seeks to bolster arguments that the archaeological remains are not of national significance (as also noted by D Wilkinson). As my revised comments (21st Jan) moved away from this position I see no need at this stage to provide a detailed rebuttal to these points. Though it is worth highlighting that in relation to point 3, page 3 of the submission, the applicant's archaeological consultant Dr Michael Dawson appears to have added the word '**No**' to a key passage of the trial trenching report, therefore drastically altering its meaning. The same sentence in the report on file reads:

"Evidence for substantial structural remains was present, as has been seen in the main parts of the Roman town, though the presence of ceramic building material that such structure may be present beyond the limit of the excavated trenches." p.75 report 18/169 – Indexed as Trial Trench Archaeology 2.3

In the late submission this appears as:

"**No** evidence for substantial structural remains was present, as has been seen in the main parts of the Roman town."

To return to the 'Summary' section of the submission this states that my objection is such that it cannot be overcome by any amendments or additional information. However, it should be noted that this appears to relate to the *asterisked text (reading: Where the Consultee believes their objection cannot be overcome by any amendments or additional information) below the objection box rather than my comments, and my earlier comments, on this scheme which indicate that a revised layout which seeks to conserve the most significant archaeological remains may be acceptable.

Finally, I have reviewed the draft reason for refusal on archaeological grounds and am satisfied that this is in my opinion, a sound reason for refusal.

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