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FW: P/19/0460/OA: Land at Newgate Lane (South) Fareham

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To: Chambers, Jean <JChambers@Fareham.Gov.UK>

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Dear Ms Chambers,

P/19/0460/OA: Land at Newgate Lane (South) Fareham: Outline planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and development of up to 125 dwellings, open space, vehicular access point from Newgate Lane and associated and ancillary infrastructure, with all matters except access to be reserved

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the file entitled *Heritage Assessment March 2019 SOUTH* that is included among the documentation attached to the above application on your website. This file constitutes a Heritage Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) that assesses the archaeological and built heritage potential of the proposed development site. The DBA concludes, among other things, that there is scattered recorded evidence for prehistoric, Roman, medieval and Post-medieval activity in the area, with no evidence that any of this activity is centred upon the site itself.

While I would concur with these conclusions I should also point out that an archaeological evaluation has recently been undertaken along the route of the proposed Stubbing By-pass, directly to the west of the site. This evaluation has recorded evidence of possibly later prehistoric or Romano-British field systems and enclosures (due to be fully excavated this summer), suggesting that the area has more archaeological potential than the impression given by the earlier investigations at Newgate Lane that were quoted by the DBA.

I note that the DBA makes no recommendations for further work in order to assess the archaeological potential of the site. I feel that it is important that this potential is explored prior to the commencement of any construction works. Therefore, while there is no indication that archaeology presents an overriding concern I would advise that the assessment, recording and reporting of any archaeological deposits affected by construction be secured through the attachment of suitable conditions to any planning consent that might be granted. For instance:

1) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological assessment in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The assessment should take the form of trial trenches located across the whole of the proposed development area to ensure that any archaeological remains encountered within the site are recognised, characterised and recorded.

Reason: To assess the extent, nature and date of any archaeological deposits that might be present and the impact of the development upon these heritage assets.

2) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological mitigation of impact, based on the results of the trial trenching, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To mitigate the effect of the works associated with the development upon any heritage assets and to ensure that information regarding these heritage assets is preserved by record for future generations.

3) Following completion of archaeological fieldwork a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme submitted by the developer and approved in writing by the local planning authority setting out and securing appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports, publication and public engagement.

Reason: To contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our past by ensuring that opportunities are taken to capture evidence from the historic environment and to make this publicly available.

If you have any further queries regarding this application, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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