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To: Wright, Richard <RWright@Fareham.Gov.UK>
Subject: P/18/1073/FP: Land to the South of Romsey Avenue Fareham

Dear Mr Wright,

P/18/1073/FP: Land to the South of Romsey Avenue Fareham: Hybrid planning application for residential development of 225 dwellings and bird conservation area, seeking full planning permission for 58 dwellings and outline planning permission for 167 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the file entitled *Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment* (DBA) that is included among the documentation attached to the above application on your website. This DBA was prepared in 2016 prior to an archaeological evaluation that took place on a plot of land immediately to the east of the site. This evaluation identified some evidence for limited settlement dating from the Roman period. The DBA concludes that there is significant evidence for prehistoric activity in the immediate area from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age. The DBA also identified limited evidence for Roman, early medieval and medieval activity.

It is clear from the results of the DBA and the recent evaluation (Land at Cranleigh Road P17/1170/RM) that the site has the potential to contain hitherto unrecorded archaeological features, particularly those dating from the later prehistoric and Roman periods. The site itself appears to be crossed by a number of modern service trenches, with inspection pits noted mainly in the south and east. While these modern features will have impacted upon any as yet unrecorded archaeological features I do not feel that this impact would be significant and that any archaeology that does survive here will be relatively well-preserved.

I note that the DBA makes no recommendations for further work in order to address the archaeological potential of the site that it has established. 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 site, avoiding the recorded modern trenches, 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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