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Subject: FW: Fareham Borough Council - Consultation: P/22/0165/OA Land East of Newgate Lane East Fareham

From: Hopkins, David (ETE)
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Subject: RE: Fareham Borough Council - Consultation: P/22/0165/OA Land East of Newgate Lane East Fareham

Dear Mr Kneen,

Fareham Borough Council - Consultation: P/22/0165/OA Land East of Newgate Lane East Fareham

Thank you for your consultation, I would draw your attention to the Heritage Statement submitted with the planning application which I would largely, but not completely, endorse to you. The Heritage Statement has drawn archaeological data from the immediate vicinity of the application site and has concluded that the site has a low archaeological potential. The Heritage Statement does not go on to offer a view on whether mitigation is or is not required. Whilst I note that the immediate archaeological evidence is limited, I would also note that the archaeological potential of the area around is poorly understood because of a lack of past archaeological survey across quite a wide area. It may therefore be a self fulfilling prophecy that an absence of data predicts an absence of archaeology. On a development of this size I would always urge that consideration is given to the archaeological potential as might be signalled across a wider landscape. In this case whilst the archaeological evidence of the Newgate Lane road did not reveal much archaeology in that narrow corridor, given it is a small sample, it did encounter undated features indicating the landscape was in use, and one of these contained a sherd of prehistoric pottery. Whilst this amount of evidence is small it does betoken understanding that the landscape has some archaeological potential for evidence of utilisation in the prehistoric periods and given the size of development the chances of encountering that evidence is higher. In addition work to the south at HMS Daedalus also encountered prehistoric utilisation and occupation of this landscape of Bronze Age date. To the west the recent archaeological work associated with the Stubbington Bypass found evidence of a Roman farmed landscape, a farm processing site and evidence to suggest a Roman building is likely to exist somewhere in that landscape. It would seem that, looking at the archaeological evidence on a wider picture that the landscape is in use during the prehistoric and Roman periods.

Application P/19/1260/OA is noted in the Heritage Statement, but it is not drawn out that the archaeological review for that application, which conjoins the current site, identified some archaeological potential in the landscape and archaeological conditions have been placed on that planning permission to secure archaeological survey and mitigation.

The landscape does have some archaeological potential, albeit in the absence of direct survey, very weakly understood. Given the size of the development the potential to encounter archaeological remains is real. In the absence of any mitigation strategy put forward in the Heritage Statement I would recommend that archaeological conditions similar to those placed on the adjacent land, should be attached to any planning permission which might be issued, to secure an initial level of archaeological survey and appropriate mitigation thereafter of archaeological remains encountered,

Yours sincerely

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