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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application no: 22/01340/OUT

Location: East Of Baynards Green Farm Street To Horwell Farm Baynards Green

Please find below my updated comments on this application. When the phase 2 evaluation report is submitted I will suggest conditions.

Two phases of archaeological evaluation has been carried out on the site during the pre-determination stage. The report on the first phase of evaluation from Cotswold Archaeology has been submitted with this application, along with the results of the geophysical survey. **The final report for the second phase has not yet been submitted to OCAS, and is not submitted with this application. The report should be submitted to enable a full consideration of the archaeological remains on the site.**

The site was known to be of archaeological interest and potential, with a range of features recorded from cropmarks, and a Roman coin hoard recovered from within the development area. The geophysical survey revealed extensive remains beyond those known from cropmarks and so trenching was undertaken. The archaeological trenching has recorded dense Iron Age, Late Iron Age – Early Romano British (transitional period) and Romano British activity in the east of the site, with evidence for Saxon settlement being recorded in the southern field. As well as these remains, a small assemblage of later prehistoric worked flint was recovered from the site, suggesting there was also earlier activity across the area.

The Iron Age settlement remains include enclosures and a north – south trackway. Associated with the settlement, four burials were also identified. The Iron Age features underlie the later Romano-British settlement, which expanded across the site and mostly dates from the 2nd-4th century. Within this period, a single rectilinear stone building was erected which could represent a basic villa rustica, or large barn. The Saxon settlement to the south of the B4100 is represented by four sunken featured buildings, which have been dated to the 7-8th century.

If permission is granted, there will need to be a programme of archaeological excavation at the site prior to any development taking place, in order to fully investigate the features identified during the evaluation phase.

Kind regards,

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