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To: Planning
Subject: Planning ref: 23/00977/OUT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 23/00977/OUT OS Parcel 9195 North of, Claydon Road, Cropredy

Thank you for consulting us on this application. The site lies in an area of archaeological interest and potential, which is outlined in the submitted Heritage Statement (Savills 2023). The document states that a geophysical survey will be carried out on the site, however, the archaeological consultant has confirmed that this will no longer take place.

In summary, the site lies immediately north of the Saxon and Medieval village of Cropredy, and an archaeological watching brief in the north of the site, during work associated with the marina, recovered Roman pot sherds (EOX3426). Further Roman remains in the form of a small enclosure and agricultural ditches were recorded to the south west of Cropredy, during an archaeological evaluation (EOX6248).

We would recommend that, should planning permission be granted, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation of a staged programme of archaeological investigation to be maintained during the period of construction. This can be ensured through the attachment of a suitable negative condition along the lines of:

1. Prior to any demolition and the commencement of the development a professional archaeological organisation acceptable to the Local Planning Authority shall prepare an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, relating to the application site area, which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To safeguard the recording of archaeological matters within the site in accordance with the NPPF (2021).

2. Following the approval of the Written Scheme of Investigation referred to in condition 1, and prior to any demolition on the site and the commencement of the development (other than in accordance with the agreed Written Scheme of Investigation), a staged programme of archaeological evaluation and mitigation shall be carried out by the commissioned archaeological organisation in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation. The programme of work shall include all processing, research and analysis necessary to produce an accessible and useable archive and a full report for publication which shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within two years of the completion of the archaeological fieldwork.

Reason – To safeguard the identification, recording, analysis and archiving of heritage assets before they are lost and to advance understanding of the heritage assets in their wider context through publication and dissemination of the evidence in accordance with the NPPF (2021).

If the applicant contacts us at the above address, we shall be pleased to outline the procedures involved, provide a brief upon which a costed specification can be based, and provide a list of archaeological contractors working in the area.

Kind regards,

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