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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Application no: 23/03366/OUT** Land Opposite Hanwell Fields Recreation Adj To, Dukes Meadow Drive, Banbury

The site has been subject to a geophysical survey and an archaeological evaluation; there were a number of trenches which could not be excavated due to ecological constraints on the site on the north west and west boundaries (as detailed in the submitted approved Archaeological Evaluation report, TVAS 2022). These areas will have to be investigated via a further phase of trenching if permission is granted to the development. The area which was trenched during the pre-application stage did not record any significant archaeological features, and so there are no archaeological constraints to this part of the development.

We would, therefore, 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 (2023).

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 (2023).

Kind regards,

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