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To: Planning

Subject: 21/02337/DISC - Proposed Himley Village North West Bicester, Middleton Stoney Road, Bicester

Hello

The applicant has submitted an overarching WSI to discharge conditions 32 and 33 of permission 14/02121/OUT.

Condition 32 requires that a WSI detailing the required archaeological work is submitted prior to any development. This submitted overarching WSI from Orion Heritage was not agreed with County Archaeology before this application and will require a number of amendments before we can agree that it is acceptable to meet this condition.

Condition 32 should therefore not be discharged at this stage.

Condition 33 would only be met when the work set out in an agreed overarching WSI has been undertaken and the report agreed and archiving and publication secured.

Condition 33 should therefore not be discharged at this stage.

A second WSI has been submitted with this planning application but it does not open and so we cannot comment on whether this is acceptable or not.

The submitted overarching WSI from Orion Heritage will need a number of amendments before we can agree that it is acceptable which are set out below.

1.6 this section should make it clear that a WSI from an archaeological contractor must be agreed with OCC Archaeological Service prior to the archaeological work being undertaken.

This contractors WSI should be agreed directly with OCC Archaeological Service and should not be submitted to discharge the planning condition.

5.2 This contractors WSI will need to be agreed with OCC Archaeological Service before any works are undertaken and this will need to be made clear in this overarching WSI.

5.14 we will need to be informed of any treasure finds in addition to the local coroner.

5.15 We will also need to be informed of any human remains that are encountered. Human remains should not be removed at this evaluation phase.

5.24 The mitigation phase of this project certainly has potential for wider community interest and engagement which should be included in this WSI. If there are clear reasons why the commercial nature of this particular scheme would not allow such engagement as opposed to other development sites in Oxfordshire with a similar

commercial interest where such engagement has been possible this will need to be clearly set out in the WSI.

Figure 5 - The purpose of the first phase of the staged programme is to define areas that would require further mitigation. It is therefore misleading to set out a proposed area of strip map and recording at this stage as the extent of this, and any other mitigation, will be determined once the results of the first, evaluation, phase of the works has been reported.

Regards

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