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Our ref: COX2257

Thank you for consulting us on this application for a variation. The original advice from this service on application number 19/02796/F stated:

The site is located in an area of archaeological potential 300m to the south east of a possible Roman building (PRN 26327). The site was recorded in the 1920s when evidence of a building and paving stones, roofing slates and burnt stones, along with abundant C2nd pottery was recorded. Mesolithic and Neolithic flint tools have also been recorded in the same area (PRN 15454).

A programme of archaeological investigation has recently been undertaken immediately east of the proposed site which recorded a number of possible prehistoric features including a possible henge site and a Bronze Age posthole structure. A third ring ditch, also thought to be a Bronze Age barrow was also recorded. Linear features related to a Roman trackway and field system were also recorded.

A geophysical survey has been undertaken on this site which has shown that archaeological features related to these sites do continue onto this site. The development has been set out to avoid the most significant archaeological deposits. The proposed development will however still impact on archaeological deposits related to the trackway and field system.

That advice recommended that a staged programme of archaeological works, starting with an archaeological trenched evaluation, should be conditioned on an permission. The archaeological evaluation has now been undertaken (Cotswold Archaeology April 2019) and archaeological remains have been identified in that work. The Summary describes these as '*The investigation confirmed the presence of a series of ditches, furrows and pits corresponding with magnetic anomalies identified by a preceding geophysical survey..... An incomplete but potentially ovoid feature identified by the geophysical survey was shown to correlate with a large, undated ditch and may represent a continuation of the prehistoric activity noted to the east into the site...*'

We would, therefore, recommend that, should planning permission be granted, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation 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 (2019).

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 programme of archaeological 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 (2019).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind Regards

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