

Consultee Comment for planning application 21/00559/F

Application Number	21/00559/F
Location	Carters Yard Main Street Sibford Gower OX15 5RW
Proposal	Conversion of garage building and erection of a single storey extension, to form a granny annexe
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Comments	<p>Thank you for your consultation with regard to this application. The development is located in an area of archaeological interest and potential being situated within the historic settlement core of Sibford Gower, this documented as comprising two manors in the Domesday Survey of 1086, but whose place-name evidence would suggest an earlier Saxon origin. Evidence of earlier activity in the prehistoric period is known in the area of the site, this primarily from the recovery of flint arrowheads, one of which is noted to have been found c.40m to the north-east. A former medieval chapel maintained by the Knights Hospitallers is also noted to have been present in Sibford Gower, this thought to have once occupied a location between Temple Close and Gowers Close, albeit its precise location remains unknown since its dereliction in 1547. The site of the proposed development further occupies an area situated between a number of buildings of 16th to 17th century date, these comprising probable former farmhouse and cottages. It is therefore possible that, despite the small scale nature of the proposal, this development may encounter archaeological deposits relating to the medieval and/or early post-medieval settlement. We would, therefore, recommend that, should planning permission be granted, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation of an archaeological monitoring and recording action (watching brief) 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. The applicant, or their agents or successors in title, shall be responsible for organising and implementing an archaeological watching brief, to be maintained during the period of construction/during any groundworks taking place on the site. The watching brief shall be carried out by a professional archaeological organisation in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has first been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Reason - To safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological importance on the site in accordance with the NPPF (2019). 2. Following the approval of the Written Scheme of Investigation referred to in condition 1, no development shall commence on site without the appointed archaeologist being present. Once the watching brief has been completed its findings shall be reported to the Local Planning Authority, as agreed in the Written Scheme of Investigation, including 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 recording and inspection of matters of archaeological importance on the site in accordance with the NPPF (2019). Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.</p>
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