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To: Planning
Subject: 21/04275/OUT South East of Hawkwell Farm, Bicester

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been reviewing my advice for this development and I wanted to clarify the reply I gave on the 20th January as part of the OCC response. The southern part of the site has already been subject to an archaeological trenched evaluation as part of the wider original Eco Town application, and this is the area which will need to have a further stage of archaeological investigation and mitigation. The northern part of the site was not covered by this original application, and the areas of the proposed solar farm and extension of the residential area will need to be subject to a predetermination evaluation, achieved through the wording below:

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2021) paragraph 194, we would therefore recommend that, prior to the determination of this application the applicant should therefore be responsible for the implementation of an archaeological field evaluation.

This must be carried out by a professionally qualified archaeological organisation and should aim to define the character and extent of the archaeological remains within the application area, and thus indicate the weight which should be attached to their preservation. This evaluation must be undertaken in line with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standards and guidance for archaeological evaluation including the submission and agreement of a suitable written scheme of investigation.

This information can be used for identifying potential options for minimising or avoiding damage to the archaeology and on this basis, an informed and reasonable decision can be taken.

Apologies for this.

Kind regards,

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