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**Sent:** 24 August 2023 09:21  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Ref: 22/03873/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below my response to this application submitted to MasterGov.

**Application no:** 22/03873/F

**Location:** Land North And Adjacent To Mill Lane, Stratton Audley

### Detailed comments:

The proposal site lies in an area of archaeological interest, and the approved reports of a geophysical survey and archaeological evaluation have been submitted with this application. The geophysical survey identified a number of weak anomalies which potentially represented ditched enclosures. The trenched evaluation targeted these anomalies, as well as 'blank' areas across the site. Within the trenches, ditches and pits containing later prehistoric, as well as possibly Neolithic pottery, were recorded in the southern part of the site. An undated cremation and a possible oven were also recorded, which along with the enclosures, may represent a dispersed or multi-focal later prehistoric site. A small group of Roman ditches were also recorded in the centre of the site.

These features will need to be fully investigated and recorded via archaeological mitigation, in line with the attached conditions.

### Conditions:

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 NPPE (2021).

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 NPPE (2021).

Kind regards,

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