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To: Planning
Subject: Application ref: 23/01503/OUT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application no: 23/01503/OUT OS Parcel 1570 Adjoining And West Of Chilgrove Drive And Adjoining And North Of, Camp Road, Upper Heyford

The site has been subject to an archaeological evaluation, and the approved report for this work has been submitted with the application (Oxford Archaeology 2022). The trenched evaluation recorded remains which partially correlated with anomalies recorded in the previous geophysical survey on the site. The archaeological activity was concentrated in the north western corner of the site, where several ditches and pits were located. One of the features dated to the mid-late Roman period. The recorded features likely represent a small enclosure or field system. Close to these features, a single unfurnished grave was identified, which also contained mid-late Roman pottery.

The northwest area of the development will need to be subject to a further phase of archaeological excavation prior to development in order for these features to be fully investigated.

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 (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 NPPF (2021).

Kind regards,

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