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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 23/02098/OUT Begbroke Science Park, Begbroke Hill, Begbroke

Thank you for consulting us on this application, the site lies in an area of considerable archaeological potential, as has been outlined in the submitted Archaeological Desk Based Assessment, geophysical survey and first phase of archaeological trial trenching which has been carried out on the site. A report for this first phase of evaluation has been agreed and submitted with this application. The geophysical survey and trenched evaluation has identified a range of archaeological features across the site including a number of clusters of dense Iron Age and Roman settlement of potential high significance as well as Bronze Age features.

This evaluation has only investigated part of the site however and a further phase of trial trenching will be required prior to the determination of this application, along the northern and eastern edges of the proposal area to establish the character, preservation and date of the features recorded in the geophysical survey to provide sufficient data for their significance to be appropriately assessed as set out in the NPPF paragraph 194. Oxford Archaeology are currently undertaking this further trenching in line with the agreed written scheme of investigation, and the approved report for this should be submitted with the application.

Once the archaeological evaluation has been fully completed and the final report has been submitted, we can then provide further advice.

Kind regards,

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