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Subject: FW: Planning notification for application reference: 23/02098/OUT

From: Archaeologydc - E&E <Archaeologydc@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 11:17 AM
To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning notification for application reference: 23/02098/OUT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 23/02098/OUT Begbroke Science Park, Begbroke Hill, Begbroke, OX5 1PF

Thank you for consulting us further on this application. Following on from my previous comments, the further phase of archaeological trial trenching at Begbroke has now been completed, and the applicant has submitted an interim report on the results of this work in the updated Environmental Statement, which should be read in conjunction with the previously submitted trial trench report from the phase 1 trenching of the site. The full report of the second phase of trenching will be submitted to OCC and CDC once approved by the County Archaeological Service.

The archaeological potential of the site has been considered in a detailed archaeological desk-based assessment, geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation. The investigations on the site have recorded settlement activity from the Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and Anglo Saxon periods. The first phase of trenching in the developable area of the site recorded dense Iron Age and Roman complex farmstead and settlement areas, as well as Bronze Age funerary features and pits, a smaller, isolated Iron Age settlement and Anglo Saxon activity.

The most recent trenching on the floodplain areas of the proposal site has recorded limited evidence from the Bronze Age, through two possible barrows were recorded north of the Rowel Brook. The most extensive remains from this phase of trenching relate to Iron Age settlement, with some features suggesting industrial activity in the area. A series of ditches were recorded which contained Roman pottery, and an area of square enclosures on the southern side of the site could be part of an Anglo Saxon settlement, though dating evidence was not recovered at this stage

The remains recorded during these preliminary investigations will need to be subject to a further stage of archaeological mitigation, secured via a condition. There were some areas of the site which were not accessible during the pre-determination stage, due to constraints surrounding services, ecological factors and land access. These areas will also need to be assessed if the development is granted permission.

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 (2023).

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 (2023).

Kind regards,

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