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To: Planning
Subject: Ref: 23/03231/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 23/03231/F Hawthorn Hart Land, Wroxton Lane, Horley, OX15 6BB

Thank you for consulting us on this application. The site lies in an area of archaeological interest and potential, immediately south of the remains of the shrunken Medieval Village of Horley (PRN 13932). These remains are clearly visible on the Environment Agency LiDAR survey of the area, and potentially continue across the water course into the development site. We would recommend that the proposed location of the agricultural building is moved to the southern boundary of the land parcel to avoid any potential remains relating to the medieval village. If the location cannot be changed, then we would advise an archaeological watching brief is carried out.

We would recommend that, should planning permission be granted with the building in its current proposed location, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation of an archaeological monitoring and recording action (watching brief) 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. The applicant, or their agents or successors in title, shall be responsible for organising and implementing an archaeological watching brief, to be maintained during the period of construction/during any groundworks taking place on the site. The watching brief shall be carried out by a professional archaeological organisation in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has first been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological importance on the site in accordance with the NPPF (2023).

2. Following the approval of the Written Scheme of Investigation referred to in condition 1, no development shall commence on site without the appointed archaeologist being present. Once the watching brief has been completed its findings shall be reported to the Local Planning Authority, as agreed in the Written Scheme of Investigation, including 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.

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If the applicant contacts us at the above address, we shall be pleased to outline the procedures involved, provide a brief upon which a costed specification can be based.

Kind regards,

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