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Dear Sir/Madam,

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The site lies in an area of archaeological interest and potential, in a landscape with recorded remains from the early Roman occupation. The site has been subject to a geophysical survey which recorded ditches, pits and other anomalies which may be an extension of a field system which was revealed during evaluation immediately to the west. Archaeological investigation of the remains to the west revealed a landscape dominated by Roman viticulture; this is an important example of early Roman largescale agriculture soon after the invasion. The spread of viticulture in this region is likely to reflect Roman forces asserting their ownership of the land after the establishment of Alchester.

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2024) paragraph 207, we would therefore recommend that, prior to the determination of this application the applicant should therefore be responsible for the implementation of an archaeological field evaluation.

This must be carried out by a professionally qualified archaeological organisation and should aim to define the character and extent of the archaeological remains within the application area, and thus indicate the weight which should be attached to their preservation. This evaluation must be undertaken in line with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standards and guidance for archaeological evaluation including the submission and agreement of a suitable written scheme of investigation.

This information can be used for identifying potential options for minimising or avoiding damage to the archaeology and on this basis, an informed and reasonable decision can be taken.

Kind regards,

Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services

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