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Dear Sir/Madam,

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I responded to this application on 19/12/24, however, please could I update my advice for the archaeological works to not be required pre-determination. The updated conditions are set out below with the archaeological background repeated.

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.

We would, therefore, recommend that, should planning permission be granted, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation of a staged programme 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 (2024).

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 staged programme of archaeological evaluation and 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 (2024).

Kind regards,

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