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Dear Sir/Madam,

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The site lies in an area of archaeological interest and potential on the northern side of Kidlington. A geophysical survey and archaeological evaluation were conducted during the pre-application period, and the reports for these have been submitted with the application. The geophysical survey recorded anomalies suggestive of a possible trackway, enclosures, pit features and furrows, and these were recorded in the following trenched evaluation (Cotswold Archaeology 2024). Within the trenches, Iron Age, Roman and Saxon pits were recorded, as well as the trackway and some possible enclosures as indicated by the geophysical survey. Though the trackway remains undated, it is possible that it is contemporary with the Iron Age and Roman occupation on the site. Development on the site will negatively impact these remains.

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 (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 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 (2024).

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,

Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services

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