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Date: 9 February 2026

Dear Alex,

Re-consultation: Erection of 24 dwellings including creation of vehicular access off High Street, associated parking, drainage, amenity space and landscaping. | Land North Of Milksey Lane Graveley Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a WSI for archaeological trial trenching directly to this office, prepared by *Cuma Terrae*. We note it does not appear on NHDC website. These comments are without prejudice to any comment we may make on an archaeological WSI submitted by *Orion Consulting*, which is on NHDC website.

We have the following comments:

- 4 there should be discussion of the results by the contractor carrying out the investigations
- There should be contingency the WSI should be clear that for additional trenching required by this office
- It should be made clear, that this WSI is not sufficient to complete any archaeological requirements of this project; trial trenching, is only the first phase of investigations, that further phases may be required and addendums to this WSI will be submitted for preservation of archaeological remains in situ and/or further mitigation, if required by NHDC/subsequent planning conditions
- 5.10 North Herts Museums should agree to receive any archive before this WSI can be approved
- 2 we will need brief archaeological c.v's of the onsite supervisor and staff. These can be submitted after this WSI has been approved but it should be stated that fieldwork will not take place until this office has approved them, *should Cura Terrae* make any personnel changes, then these will also need to be agreed with this office

-  3.1 confirmation should be provided that the specialists listed have experience/knowledge of Hertfordshire and the Eastern Region

This list is not exhaustive (we are not here to edit documents), and additional comment may be made on any later drafts submitted.

Therefore, we are unable to recommend that this archaeological WSI is approved, nor that any onsite archaeological works commence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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