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Date: 25 September 2026

Dear Peter,

Re-Consultation: Details reserved by Condition 25 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference 17/01955/1 granted on 11.03.2024. | Ickleford Mill Arlesey Road Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3UN

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

The applicant has re-submitted a written scheme of investigation, WSI (*PCA Archaeology*) for archaeological trial trench evaluation.

Our comments on the WSI noted to you in our letter dated 21 August 2026 have been addressed. We would like to thank PCA Archaeology for doing this.

We are therefore able to recommend that this WSI is approved and that the archaeological investigations it describes can commence.

We do not recommend that condition 25 is fully discharged at this time, although parts 1 and 6 can be if you require.

We note paragraph 1.5 of the WSI which says:

This WSI is not sufficient to discharge the above condition, nor is the work described in this document. The planning condition will be discharged only if no further work is required by the Archaeological Advisors to the Local Planning Authority: the Hertfordshire Historic Environment Advisory Service of the Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). If further work is required then relevant addendum(s) to this WSI will be prepared and submitted to HCC, as well as reports on the results and provision for publication if necessary.

I hope that you will be able to accommodate the above recommendations.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andy Instone
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