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Date: 21 January 2026

Dear Ben,

Re: Details reserved by condition 9 Part A (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference 24/02455/FP granted 28.07.2025) | Land Opposite Wymondley Grid Station And To The South Of Sperberry Hill St Ippolyts Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a WSI (AOC Archaeology) for an archaeological evaluation.

We have the following comments:

- Paragraphs 1.6, 5.4, 6.11, depending on the results of this evaluation, full excavation of archaeological remains may be required, as per our letter of advice (7/2/25) and standard sector practice
- Paragraphs 7.30-7.48 cannot yet be determined and in any case represent only one approach (watching brief) which may not be recommended by this office (see above)
- Provision should be made for public engagement if NHDC believe this to be appropriate, we cannot yet make a decision until we have investigated the site and are aware of the character of any heritage assets
- Paragraph 6.8, as per our letter of advice *no-dig* solutions should also include provision for areas of *no development*
- Paragraph 7.34 investigation percentages should be minimums; this office may require greater investigation should we feel the results justify/require it
- A contingency should be included should this office feel that extensions to, or additional trenches are required

Therefore, we are unable to recommend that this WSI is approved.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 2.8 which states:

“Furthermore, the works described in this document on their own do not necessarily discharge the archaeological conditions. The trial trenching is merely the first phase of investigations and further phases of archaeological fieldwork may be required prior to or during development. Any requirement for mitigation would be set out in an addendum to this WSI, which would be submitted to the Senior Historic Environment Advisor at HHEAS for comment and approval.”

This confirms that this WSI even when approved is not necessarily sufficient to cover all the archaeological requirements of this project, without a further addendum being submitted.

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

Yours sincerely,

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