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Date: 12 June 2025

Dear Henry,

Re: Erection of one self-build dwelling with associated parking, altered vehicular access and associated works | Land To Rear Of 29 Baldock Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BJ

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above Permission In Principle application.

The site lies next to Area of Archaeological Significance (AAS) no.9 as identified in the Local Plan. The AAS covers Therfield Heath, one of the best surviving prehistoric landscapes in the county. The AAS contains three Scheduled Monuments: a Neolithic long barrow (SM17) and an associated Bronze Age cemetery (SM97) and Iron Age boundary ditches known as The Mile Ditches (SM125). Medieval stock pens, ridge and furrow ploughing and cultivation terraces are also known. The Historic Environment Record (HER) notes that the postulated route of a Roman road runs along Baldock Road which runs along the southern boundary of the site (HER4631). The site lies next to the site of the Royston Workhouse shown on historic maps from nineteenth century (HER11280).

Therefore, if this proposal was to be submitted as a planning application, based on current knowledge we are likely to recommend that archaeological conditions be attached should North Herts DC be minded to grant consent.

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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