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Date: 14 November 2025

Dear Tom,

Re: Details reserved by condition 24 (Archaeology) of planning permission reference 20/02412/FP granted 17.07.2025. | Land Between 53 And 81 And Land Rear Of 7-53 Waterdell Lane St Ippolyts Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a WSI for an archaeological evaluation.

We have the following comments:

- Paragraph 1.3 Simon Wood was a Historic Environment Advisor
- Section 12.1 Provision should be made for public engagement if NHDC believe this to be appropriate, in any case we cannot make a decision until we have investigated the site and are aware of the character of any heritage assets
- There are no details provided regarding the onsite archaeological staff

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

A revised WSI should be submitted, and the first two bullet points be addressed, an undertaking should also be made to provide c.v.s of onsite staff for agreement by this office prior to onsite archaeological works commencing (final bullet point).

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 1.4 which states:

“Depending on the results of this evaluation, additional subsequent mitigation measures may be required, to be advised by the SHEA [Herts LEADS] on the basis of the fieldwork results. These additional measures may include preservation in-situ or other suitable mitigation measures. Any additional archaeological works required on site will be subject to a separate WSI which will need to be approved by the SHEA”

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.

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,

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