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Date: 11 September 2026

Dear Henry,

Re: Details reserved by Condition 3 (Archaeological WSI) of planning permission reference 26/00676/FP granted on 04.06.2026. | Land East Of 2 Scarp Close Ashwell Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5FP

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a written scheme of investigation, WSI, for archaeological strip, map and record (*Albion Archaeology*). This is a change in methodology to our advice to you and the previously submitted WSI. It is regrettable that this office was not consulted regarding the proposed change in methodology by Albion, however in this instance we will review the document and accept it as a pragmatic way forward given the fact that the applicant and Albion note there is a significant deposit of spoil over the area proposed for development.

We have the following comments:

- 2.8/6.16, on the advice of this office full excavation of archaeological features may be required
- 3.3, brief c.v's should be provided of the onsite staff
- 6.1.1, provision should be made for archaeological investigation of areas of development outside of the building footprint
- Figure 2 shows a different proposed site plan to documents submitted with the planning application, we would be grateful if this could be clarified

We are therefore unable to recommend that it is approved, nor that Condition 3 can be partially discharged.

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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