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Dear Ben,

Re: Details reserved by Condition 7A (Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference 24/02713/FP granted on 25.06.2025. | Land Off Newnham Road Newnham Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a written scheme of investigation, WSI, for archaeological trial trenching (*AOC Archaeology*).

We have the following comments:

- brief archaeological c.v.'s should be provided of the **onsite** staff; this may be done after approval of the WSI in which case it should state that fieldwork will not commence until this office has agreed the suitability of the onsite staff (6.8)
- there should be provision to lift human remains should this be necessary to understand significance (7.15)
- the receiving museum should have been contacted and agreed to receive any archive as part of the production of the WSI (8.19)

We are therefore currently unable recommend that it is approved, nor that Condition 7A can be partially discharged.

We note paragraph 5.4 of the WSI which states:

"The evaluation will inform on the need for and scope of further works The scope of any such work would be detailed in an addendum to this WSI."

This is because trial trenching is potentially only the first phase of investigations. Depending on the results further phases of archaeological investigation may be required, together with addendums to this WSI to cover them, as well as reporting and if necessary, analysis and publication of the results.

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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