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Date: 15 July 2025

Dear Tom,

Re: Details reserved by Condition 14 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference 24/01371/FP granted on 19.02.2025. | Tussocks The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted an archaeological WSI.

We have the following comments:

- the document should cover the whole project not just the trial trenching and provision have been made for further phases of work and additional method statements to support it.
- the site should have been visited to confirm trench locations and relevant information on services obtained from the applicant (paragraph 5.2)
- some trenching should cover the two blocks of dwellings in the north part of the site
- we do not agree that nineteenth century features/finds can be defined as modern and not considered as archaeology (for example paragraph 4.4, 5.16). There is no discussion to justify this. The northern part of the site is shown containing buildings in the Tithe Map and nineteenth century OS mapping.
- we require brief archaeological c.v.s of the onsite staff to be submitted for approval, although this may be done after the WSI has been approved on the understanding fieldwork will not commence until they have been agreed
- there should be confirmation that the museum has agreed in principle to take any archive generated by this project

Therefore, **we do not yet recommend that condition 14 is fully or partially discharged** nor that any onsite archaeological works commence.

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

Yours sincerely,

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