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Dear Peter,

Re-consultation: Details reserved by condition 8 Part A (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of outline application reference 21/00504/OP granted 03.04.2025. | Land To The East Of Talbot Way And Kristiansand Way And Flint Road Allotments Flint Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1TY

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has re-submitted an archaeological WSI, following correspondence from this office to you dated 23 December 2025. In that letter we were unable to recommend that the WSI was approved and noted five main points to be resolved,

We are pleased to see that four of our five bullet points have been addressed.

However, we are not fully in agreement with the public outreach provision.

Should the results warrant it, we advise that provision should be made for appropriate access for the public to experience their heritage. We note that it might require several small groups, one at a time, but this should be open to the local people, not just special interest groups as recommended by the WSI, after all it is *their* heritage.

Public outreach is a critical part of what we do and indeed one of the reasons why the historic environment is part of national planning guidance. After all, if we are not doing this for both the public and the people of North Herts District, then why are we doing it?

Should archaeological remains be revealed that warrant greater public engagement, we request that the WSI is amended to allow for this. We would not make such recommendations if this were to have an impact on public safety or have a significant impact on the developer's programme. In such circumstances we would seek to work with North Herts Museums Service who have extensive experience of public outreach in the District and indeed ran a successful volunteer excavation with public outreach in the field

immediately to the north of the site where a Neolithic henge monument, of similar date to Stonehenge was investigated,

Therefore, until this is resolved, **we are unable to recommend that condition 8 Part A is fully or partially discharged nor that any onsite archaeological works commence.**

This should be a relatively speedy point for the applicant to clarify within the WSI.

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

Yours sincerely,

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