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Date: 8 October 2025

Dear Ben,

Re: Details reserved by condition 15 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference no 23/00563/FP granted 23.04.2025 | Land On The South Of Oughtonhead Lane Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2NA

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

At the request of this office the applicant has submitted a second version of their archaeological WSI.

In this instance we can recommend that the archaeological WSI is approved and that on site archaeological works can commence, provided the applicant submits brief archaeological c.v.s for the onsite staff for approval by this office prior to archaeological works commencing.

I would also 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 [this office] 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.”

Therefore, we do not recommend that the archaeological condition(s) are fully discharged until it is clear that no further phases of onsite archaeological works are required, any reporting is completed and approved by this office and any arrangements for analysis and publication of results have been agreed.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andy Instone
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