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Dear Melissa,

Re: Variation to Condition Number(s): 2 (Addition of solar panels to rear roofs of the approved dwellings) to planning permission reference 23/02948/FP granted on 29.07.2024 for Terrace of three 3-bed dwellings including creation of vehicular access off Picknag Road, parking and landscaping. | Land North Of 2 Millers Close Picknag Road Barley Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

We have no comment to make on the proposed amendment.

However, we note that permission 23/02948/FP includes a condition, number 16 which relates to archaeology:

“If any archaeology (sic) artefacts are found during the site clearance and digging out stages, all works must stop on site and advice be sought from the HCC Archaeology team.”

This is noted in the officer report (paragraph 2.5) as a “*standard condition*”. Whilst we are grateful that the case officer attached a condition relating to archaeology, we would like to note that this is not a standard condition that this office would recommend. We recommend standard conditions with all our advice, and I include them below for reference. We recommend that these are attached to this permission if applicable to replace condition 16 and they are noted below:

“A No demolition/development shall take place/commence until an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme shall include an assessment of archaeological significance and research questions; and:

- 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording*
- 2. The programme for post investigation assessment*
- 3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording*

4. *Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
5. *Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
6. *Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.*

B *The demolition/development shall take place/commence in accordance with the programme of archaeological works set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A)*

C *The development shall not be occupied/used until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis and publication where appropriate”*

Finally, we further recommend that these conditions be noted by NHDC as “standard archaeological conditions”, and the condition used for 23/02948/FP be deleted.

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

Yours sincerely,

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