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Date: 14 May 2025

Dear Tom,

Re: Details reserved by Condition 16 (Archaeology) of planning permission reference 24/00436/FP granted on 26.02.2025. | Morrisons Baldock Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BA

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted an archaeological WSI.

We have the following comments. These are not necessarily exhaustive, and any documents submitted in the future should thoroughly reviewed and checked.

- this is a WSI written by a consultant (RPS Consulting) noting (para 6.1) that “*RPS will oversee the Archaeological Contractor on behalf of their client* “. This office requires the contractor carrying out the works to write the WSI or as a minimum to provide a method statement as an addendum to the WSI for approval by NHDC. This requirement was communicated to RPS Consulting by this office on 9 December 2024 and is noted in paragraph 6.1 “*the chosen Contractor will produce a method statement to be appended to this WSI*”
- we require c.v.s of the onsite staff to be submitted for approval as part of the above addendum, 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 provision to lift and record burials should this be necessary to understand the significance of any heritage assets encountered (para 5.14)
- all specialists should be named, for example (para 5.36)
- the latest Hertfordshire Archaeological Archive Standards should be referenced
- there should be confirmation that the museum has agreed in principle to take any archive generated by this project (para 5.48)
- we are not in Berkshire (para 6.1.3)

Therefore, **we do not yet recommend that condition 16 is fully or partially discharged** nor that any onsite archaeological works or development commence.

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

Yours sincerely,

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