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Date: 10 October 2025

Dear Anne,

Re: Variation of Condition 2 (revised plans) of planning permission 19/01669/FP granted 11.02.2025 for erection of 14 dwellings including new vehicular access off Sperberry Hill (serving 10 dwellings) and new vehicular accesses off Stevenage Road (serving 4 dwellings) | Land On The South West Side Of Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

Further to previous correspondence from this office regarding **19/01669/FP**, we recommended a programme of archaeological investigations be carried out including appropriate reporting, analysis and publication of the results. Although we understand some or all the onsite fieldwork has been carried out, we have not received a report on the investigations, nor proposals for analysis and publication of the results.

Therefore, we believe archaeological conditions remain appropriate to secure this information.

I believe that these recommendations are both reasonable and necessary to provide properly for the likely archaeological implications of this development proposal. I further believe that these recommendations closely follow the policies included within Policy 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework. In this case three appropriately worded conditions on any planning consent would be sufficient to provide for the level of investigation that this proposal warrants. These are referred to as A, B and C but can be numbered at your convenience. I suggest the following wording:

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 and methodology of site investigation and recording as required by the evaluation*
3. *The programme for post investigation assessment*
4. *Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording*
5. *Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
6. *Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
7. *Provision to be made for public outreach and interpretation*
8. *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.*

If planning consent is granted, I will be able to provide detailed advice concerning the requirements for the investigations, and to provide information on professionally accredited archaeological contractors who may be able to carry out the necessary work.

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

Yours sincerely,

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