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Date: 12 November 2025

Dear Justin,

Re: Growing Baldock Development Site: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for means of highway access into the development from the A505/Royston Road, North Road and Clothall Road for: up to 3,200 homes, up to 16ha of employment, waste and leisure infrastructure, a mixed use local centre, up to 1 secondary school, up to 2 x primary schools, up to 1 SEND school, health hub, green infrastructure (including parks, formal sports provision, play, habitat areas, informal open space and structural planting), internal street network, access junctions and railway crossing, public transport infrastructure, pedestrian/cycle network (including PRow diversions, active travel routes, mobility hubs and crossing of the railway), utilities and drainage infrastructure (including diversions of existing and provision of new infrastructure, pumping stations, sustainable drainage, primary substations, rising main/strategic sewer and renewable energy infrastructure), ground remodelling/earthworks and any necessary demolitions. | BA1(Land East Of North Rd And North Of Railway Line); BA10(Land Between Railway Line And Royston Rd); BA3 (Land West Of A505); BA2 (Land South Of Clothall Rd); Walls Field; Urban Open Land West Of A505, And Land West Of North Rd, Baldock

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us.

This office has had extensive pre-application discussions with the applicant. We have also carried out a walkover survey with them and monitored archaeological fieldwork, which we requested be carried out to inform the significance of any heritage assets which might be impacted by this proposal. This work enhanced information gathered in 2008 and later when previous proposals were discussed pre-allocation and pre-application. We have also been discussing the potential of the historic environment to be reflected in the Masterplan.

Whilst the results of the archaeological investigations do not suggest that we are likely to object on archaeological grounds we will be recommending archaeological conditions are attached to any consent you may be minded to grant. We also hope to continue to give advice regarding the Masterplan.

Therefore, we are unable to give more detailed advice at this time. We think it would be useful to meet with the LPA to discuss this proposal and our likely advice. We would also like to be consulted regarding any discussions NHDC might have with the applicant regarding the development of the Masterplan.

I hope that you will be able to accommodate the above recommendations.

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

Yours sincerely,

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