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Dear Ben,

Re: Details reserved by condition 12 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation) of planning permission reference 23/00186/FP granted 22.01.2026 | Land Off Milksey Lane Graveley Hertfordshire

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The applicant has submitted a document called a written scheme of investigation (*Orion Consulting*).

We have the following comments:

- 1.3 it notes it was not produced in consultation with this office
- 1.7 notes the submitted document will be supported by a method statement from the archaeological contractor carrying out the works. We advise that this latter document be considered the WSI, the document submitted is as much of a brief as a WSI.
- 4.5 notes that this contractor method statement will be submitted “*before commencement of work*”, we do not advise that this should be considered acceptable (although we are pleased to see an undertaking to submit details of the suitability of any onsite staff)
- 5.2 we are also pleased to see an undertaking to extend the area of archaeological investigation should this office require it
- 6.15, 6.16 we are pleased to see a section regarding public outreach
- The details of the archaeological excavation methodology should be submitted with the contractor’s WSI for agreement. We offer no comment at this time on the section of the submitted document that deals with this.

In the absence of an archaeological written scheme of investigation (see 1.7), and the rest of the comments above, **we are therefore unable to recommend that Condition 12 can be fully or partially discharged.**

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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