

Dear Mr Eaves,

Planning Application APP/24/01010 Interbridges Site, New Brighton Road, Emsworth

Thank you for drawing to my attention to my attention the response from the applicant's agent regarding the previous archaeological advice. A number of issues are raised.

The most important issue is the additional information supplied on plan of the existing sewer and gas mains whose construction (including easements) is likely to have compromised the archaeological potential of the site. In my opinion these impacts are to a sufficient proportion of the site that I would suggest that in light of this I would no longer recommend that archaeological conditions be attached to any planning permission issued

With regard to the archaeological notification areas, these have been designed to trigger application consultation for smaller development at locations of known archaeological sensitivity and are supported by consultations (as in this case) of any development of size. The notification areas, which we call ALERT areas, are not a guide to the overall understanding of the archaeological potential of an area and nor does their absence pass any comment on the archaeological potential of a site (That is the likelihood or not that archaeological remains which are not yet known about might be encountered). Assessing the archaeological potential of an area is multi variant and site specific and cannot be reflected in the ALERT areas. Hence the need for consultation in order that the archaeological potential can be considered. In this case the additional information regarding past land use impact are pertinent to our understanding of the archaeological potential and I am happy to take that into account.

Yours sincerely

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