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Dear Ms Miszewska

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**THE SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD, PURBROOK,
WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 8AA
Application No. APP/22/00439**

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 2023 regarding further information on the above application for planning permission. On the basis of this information, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Previous advice

In our previous letter, dated 20 June 2022, we outlined the significance of the designated heritage assets and relevant policy considerations. We also considered the impact of the proposals and made the following comments and observations.

- We noted that the proposed development site lies adjacent to the buried but well preserved remnants of a Roman villa complex fronting the Chichester to Bitterne road. The scheduled archaeological remains sit well within the rural landscape that would have been evident at the time of their construction.
- We commented that the development proposals had the potential to cause harm to the significance of this designated heritage asset through impacting its rural setting. The alignment of an undesignated portion of the Roman road was also at risk due to the proposed site layout.
- We stated that the potential for harm to the setting was not fully understood and needed to be presented in a views assessment.
- We observed that there may also be ways to mitigate the impact on the undesignated heritage asset, through modifications to the design of the scheme.



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Further information provided

In response to our comments the applicant has provided a revised Archaeological Desk Based Assessment which includes a rendered view of the proposed site from within the Scheduled Monument and considers the impact of this on the designated heritage asset. It also considers the significance of the undesignated Roman Road within the development site and the impact of the proposals upon it.

Assessing the proposed view we would conclude that the development would have only a minor impact to the setting of the villa site and, consequently, incurs a low level of harm on the significance of the Scheduled Monument. Although the development would be visible, this would only be in intermittent/glimpsed views and the height of the buildings does not extend beyond the line of the tree screening.

We note that although no attempt has been made to change the alignment of the roads within the development so that they better reflect that of the Roman Road, that steps have been made to improve appreciation of it. This takes the form of a short avenue of trees which respect its alignment at the south-eastern corner of the site, along with the inclusion of the new interpretation panel explaining its context and significance.

We would defer to the Hampshire County Archaeologist with regard to appropriate archaeological mitigation within the development boundary.

Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds. We consider that the application meets the requirements of the NPPF.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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