

Dear Ms. Miszewska,

Planning Application APP/23/00471 Land of North of Fire Station (Blue Star Land), Waterlooville

Thank you for your consultation. The site lies on the edge of the historically occupied area of Waterlooville and immediately to the east of areas newer development. Previous archaeological investigations as a part of the land west of Waterlooville development, identified significant archaeological remains to the south and west of the site. However, evaluation trenches closest to the site (immediately to the west and north) uncovered no substantive archaeological remains with the implication that the core of the identified archaeological activity was located further to the south. The site itself appears to have been previously drained, likely indicating that it has likely been marginal, waterlogged, land in the past; an unlikely site for substantive archaeological activity. Furthermore, LiDAR images for the site show a variable level of disturbance across certain areas of the site.

Given the condition of the site, likely previous impacts, and lack of archaeological remains in adjacent archaeological evaluation trenches, the proposed development is likely to have a low archaeological potential. Whilst it is not possible to fully rule out the potential that archaeological remains could be present within the site, on balance, I do not believe that the burden of archaeological conditions is justified under the terms of NPPF. For the reasons outlined above, I do not wish to raise any archaeological issues.

Yours sincerely,

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