

Dear Ms Miszewska,

Planning Application APP/23/00488 Land East Of, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

Thank you for your consultation. I would wish to address the below ground archaeology and the setting of the Scheduled Monuments separately.

With regard to the Scheduled Monuments I would defer to the opinion of Historic England who, I note, have been in pre application correspondence with the applicant. However I have read the Heritage Impact Assessment which I would largely endorse to you and have a few observations to make even at this stage. I welcome that the Roman villa and the Roman road on site will be protected as open space and that public access (physical and intellectual) will be enabled by information panels, pathways and art work (7.27). Given the scale and extent of the Scheduled site and that post development it will be embedded in a new community I would also recommend that its long term management within that new community is also secured to ensure that it remains archaeologically sustainable in the future. I recommend that the management with its panels and paths be secured within any planning permission issued. In the section on Fort Purbrook the role and importance of the field of fire is discussed but it is noted that the extent of the field of fire is debatable. Whilst this is true I would suggest that the War Department boundary markers shown on the mapping (Fig 6) give a reasonable suggestion as to the extent of ground being managed by the War Department around the site. A particularly important part of the setting discussion which strongly informs the conclusion is that 'arterial green spaces and viewing corridors' have been incorporated into the design and layout to ensure that key points of intervisibility between the Roman villa and the Bevis Grave long barrow. Although described I did not feel that they had been demonstrated within the layout plan in the Heritage Impact assessment. In any event I look forward to learning of Historic England's view in due course.

With regard to the impact of development on below ground archaeological remains would refer you to the Archaeological Desk Based Assessment which I would endorse to you. I welcome that there will be no impacts on the Roman villa and Roman road (para 6.3.2) and note above the implications of the management of this in the long term within the development area. The wider site does have an archaeological potential relating to other possible activity within that landscape contemporary with the Roman site and an archaeological potential relating to Mesolithic activity associated with the spring line (5.33, 7.2, 7.3, 7.9). It is noted that some preliminary archaeological investigations have already been carried out and that further archaeological work will be required (para 7.10) comprising in the first instance some additional trial trenching and that this in turn is likely to lead to some further archaeological excavation as mitigation of the impacts of development (7.11) I would concur.

I recommend that archaeological conditions are attached to secure some additional preliminary archaeological evaluation and subsequent archaeological excavations in light of the results, as well as the reporting/publication of what has been discovered to date and is anticipated to be encountered during development.

Yours sincerely

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