

Heritage Team Response

Date – 9/8/2023

APP/22/00439 – Southdowns College Car Park, College Road, Havant

Further response on the submission of amended plans and an updated Archaeological Desk Based Assessment - (NB previous response from August 2022 is still relevant)

Summary of previous response:

Officer Response:

- HE has requested views are submitted for further assessment which show the site of the villa, specifically the main villa complex within the scheduled area – looking towards the development. They have also suggested that as a means of mitigation, the tree screening that is currently evident around the application site should be retained along with ensuring that building heights are not such so that they will be visible above the tree screening from the villa site.
- In summary therefore, the following points need to be addressed:
 - Retention of the existing tree screening around the site, particularly on the east boundary
 - Views provided of the site of the villa, looking towards the development site
 - Further consideration of the non-designated heritage (the Roman Road) - modifications to the design required.

Further information has been submitted, including an updated Archaeological Desk Based Assessment which seeks to address the previous concerns by HE and the Council's CO. This updated assessment confirms that the existing landscape screening along the east boundary, which is closest to the SAM site, will be retained. Figure 15 shows a view of the site from the SAM showing the tree belt and glimpses of what would be the development through the screening. This shows that whilst the development would be visible from the SAM, it would be through the landscaping belt, with glimpses only and not fully visible at all times. This also satisfies the requirement of Historic England in their previous consultation response.

With regards to the Roman road, which is deemed to be a non-designated heritage asset, no alterations to the layout of the proposed development have been made so that it better reflects the alignment of this. However, some mitigation has been included in the form of a small row of trees to delineate the location of the road and the confirmation in the updated archaeological desk assessment that some information will be located on the site to inform of the site history, context and significance.

To this extent, it is considered that the additional information has overcome the previous points raised and given that Historic England also raises no concerns with the application, the LPA raises no objection to the application subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the interpretation panel to be provided, including its location on the site, are to be provided and agreed by the LPA and remain in situ thereafter.
2. Landscaping – wording to be provided by case officer, however please can it include a requirement for details of trees on Roman Road to be provided and also for landscaping belt on eastern boundary to maintained to existing height / depth.

Conclusion:

NO OBJECTION