

Thank you for your recent consultation. I would draw your attention to the archaeological evaluation report submitted which I would endorse to you, and the section on archaeological matters (section 7) within the Design and Access Statement which I would not endorse. The Heritage Statement does not address archaeological matters.

Section 7 of the Design and access section makes reference to an archaeological desk based assessment which is not submitted (but if this is a reference to the desk based assessment by LP Archaeology submitted with application 19/00427 I would refer you to my consultation response dated 9 May 2019 for a review of this document). The discussion of archaeological matters within Section 7 is less than perfunctory. It fails not note the results of the archaeological evaluation, as submitted with the planning application, nor does it set out for the planning authority how archaeological matters beyond the evaluation and in the light of its results, will be addressed.

However an archaeological evaluation has been carried out and the results are set out in the archaeological evaluation report that is submitted with this application. This has identified that archaeological remains do exist at the site of late prehistoric and potentially also of Roman date. The results of the archaeological evaluation do not suggest an overriding archaeological constraint at the site. The impact of development on archaeological remains at the site can be mitigated by a programme of archaeological recording to be implemented prior to development commencing.

I recommend that an archaeological condition is attached to any planning permission which might be issued to secure a programme of archaeological investigation of the development site ahead of development. Whilst it would have been helpful for the scope of such investigation to have been set out for the planning authority within the appropriate sections of this application any planning condition will require the submission of a written scheme of investigation (WSI) to be approved by the planning authority and this WSI will need to set out in detail the archaeological work that is planned to the satisfaction of the planning authority. I look forward to reviewing any such WSI in due course should planning permission be issued subject to an archaeological condition.

Yours sincerely

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