

Dear Mr. Oliver

Planning Application APP/20/00936 5-7 East Street, Havant, PO9 1AA

Thank you for your consultation. The site lies within the historic core of Havant and within an area of high archaeological importance. This area of Havant has been settled since at least the Roman period, with a small Roman town developing around a crossroads, the heart of which is immediately alongside the application site. The projected course of a Roman road north passing through, or close to, the site and the east west route believed to lie under East Street itself. It is likely that important archaeological remains relating to the development of Havant will be encountered during development, including the Roman settlement focused on the crossroad in the immediate vicinity of this application, as well as Saxon and medieval development of the town.

There is no indication that archaeology would present an overriding concern, however I would advise that the assessment, recording and reporting of archaeological deposits be secured by suitably worded conditions attached to any planning consent that may be granted. For example:

1) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological evaluation in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To assess the extent, nature and date of any archaeological deposits that might be present and the impact of the development upon these heritage assets.

2) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological mitigation of impact, based on the results of the trial trenching, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To mitigate the effect of the works associated with the development upon any heritage assets and to ensure that information regarding these heritage assets is preserved by record for future generations.

3) Following completion of archaeological fieldwork a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme submitted by the developer and approved in writing by the local planning authority setting out and securing appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports, publication and public engagement.

Reason: To contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our past by ensuring that opportunities are taken to capture evidence from the historic environment and to make this publicly available.

I note that the Heritage Statement submitted with the application does not address below ground archaeology, although the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological evaluation, which has also been submitted, suggests that the applicant is aware of and intending to address the archaeological issues. However the submitted WSI does not cover the application site (as can be seen in figure 3 of the document) and so whilst general provision implied is welcomed, it cannot be endorsed as it currently stands.

If you have any further queries regarding this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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