

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/20/00251

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/20/00251

Address: North Street Arcade, North Street Arcade, Havant

Proposal: Construction of 30 No. one and two bedroom apartments in a part 2 and a half / part 4 storey extension fronting onto Prince George Street together with the provision of infill flexible use (Classes A1/A2/A3) town centre commercial units to North Street frontage following the demolition of existing 1 and 2 storey retail development to rear.

Case Officer: Lewis Oliver

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: County Archaeologist

Comments

Dear Mr Oliver,

Thank you for your consultation. The site is located within area long suspected to be site of a former small-scale military site dating from the Roman period. The road immediately to the west of the site follows the line of the Roman road north from Havant towards Alice Holt in the north east of the county, while the modern street layout appears to follow a pattern noted on map of the area dating from the 18th century which mimics the layout of a classic Roman military marching camp or small fort with the Roman road running through its centre. While the majority of the development will see construction within the footprint of current standing buildings where archaeological features are likely to have been removed or at the very least heavily truncated by modern development, it is possible that groundworks within the footprint of Apartment 06 along with the cycle stores and plant rooms on either side of it (currently an open courtyard), may expose surviving elements of this potential Roman activity. It would be of both local and regional interest were such features to be found here during development and therefore their excavation and recording by qualified archaeologists would be a necessity.

I would therefore advise that that a condition is attached to any planning permission that may be issued. Such a condition would require the preparation of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) that sets out the methodology for an archaeological watching brief of all ground works associated with the construction of the new apartments that is not located within the footprint of any current standing buildings so that any archaeological remains encountered are recognised, characterised and recorded. Provision should also be made for the public dissemination of any results and the WSI should satisfy the Local Planning Authority that the scheme is sustainable under the terms of

NPPF.

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

Yours sincerely,

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