

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/19/00542

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/00542

Address: Land rear of 70-76 West Street, Havant, PO9 1LN

Proposal: Outline application for backland development of 4 No. One bedroom cottages.

Case Officer: David Eaves

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: County Archaeologist

Comments

Dear Mr Eaves,

Thank you for your consultation. The site is located within the historic core of Havant in an Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP). It is also located immediately to the north of the projected line of the Bitterne to Chichester Roman road, while traces of Roman activity were recorded around 90 metres to the east of the site during an archaeological evaluation on land to the rear of 44-54 West Street in 2008. Fragments of Roman material have also been recorded at 31-33 West Street around 65 metres to the south east of the site.

Having reviewed the plans that have been attached to the above application on your website it appears that nearly all of the proposed new development will be located within the footprints of existing modern buildings; the construction of which will have had a severe impact upon any sub-surface deposits and features. Only a very small part of the development is located within currently open ground and this is in an area well to the rear of the former Roman street frontage.

In my opinion it would be highly unlikely for ground works associated with the construction of the new buildings to expose any interpretable archaeological features that would add to our understanding of the Roman settlement. I would therefore not wish to raise any archaeological issues in this instance.

However, as my comments are based on the proposed locations of the cottages and this is an outline application with all matters reserved, there is a need to add a condition to any planning permission issued that the layout of the buildings will be as shown on the submitted plans unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA. This would avoid the new cottages potentially being positioned away from the footprints of the former buildings and therefore having a possible impact upon as yet unrecorded archaeological deposits.

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

Yours sincerely,

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