

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/19/00539

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/00539

Address: 28 North Street, Havant, PO9 1PT

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to provide staff rest room and storage facilities.

Case Officer: Karen Wooden

Consultee Details

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Comments

Dear Mrs Wooden,

Thank you for your consultation. The site is located within the historic core of Havant, in an Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP). Recent study of the street pattern in this part of the town has also led to the suspicion that the site may once have formed part of a Roman fort, through which the main north-south Roman road out of Havant may once have run. While the area to the rear of 28 North Street has already been impacted by past modern development and the scale of the proposed development is relatively small, the archaeological significance of this area must not be overlooked. It is possible that groundworks associated with the construction of the extension may expose features (likely to be truncated) that may help provide evidence as to whether this part of the town was once occupied by the Roman army. Similar small-scale development within Havant over the past 40 years has provided very useful evidence in understanding the nature of the Romano-British settlement and this development may be no exception.

I would therefore advise that an archaeological presence is secured on site at the point where ground works are carried out prior to the construction of the new extension. To this end I would advise 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 the ground works associated with the construction of the new extension 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, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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