

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/19/00007

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/00007

Address: Camp Field (land to the west of Havant Crematorium), Bartons Road, Havant

Proposal: Outline Application for access with all other matters reserved, for up to 72 new homes plus associated green infrastructure including community orchard

Case Officer: David Eaves

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: County Archaeologist

Comments

Dear Mr Eaves,

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the file entitled ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK BASED ASSESSMENT (DBA) that is included among the documentation attached to the above application on your website. This DBA concludes, among others things, that:

5.2 The assessment has established that based on the available evidence, the site has low potential for archaeological remains of prehistoric, Roman, Saxon, Medieval and Post-Medieval date.

5.3 The construction of the proposed development would remove any archaeological remains which may be present. However, the loss of the potential archaeological interest of the site could be mitigated by a programme of archaeological investigation secured as a planning condition should consent be granted.

I would concur with paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 that the site has archaeological potential and that considering this against the scale of the proposed development, it will be essential to explore this potential further prior to the commencement of any ground working phase prior to construction.

Therefore while there is no indication that archaeology presents an overriding concern I would advise that the assessment, recording and reporting of any archaeological deposits affected by construction be secured through the attachment of suitable conditions to any planning consent that might be granted. For instance:

1) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological assessment in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in order to recognise, characterise and record any archaeological features and deposits that may exist here. The assessment should initially take the form of trial trenches that are within the footprints of the proposed houses, garages, access roads and service trenches.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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