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Dear Ms Glover,

Planning Application APP/16/00774 Land north of Havant Road and west of Selangor Ave, Emsworth

Thank you for your consultation regarding the written scheme of investigation (WSI) for the archaeological mitigation at Havant Road Emsworth which has been submitted. I was sent a draft of this document a few days ago and whilst it is very largely a satisfactory WSI I was not able to fully endorse it as it has a few small issues and ambiguities within it. Whilst these might mostly be resolved by agreeing how certain paragraphs might be interpreted, there is one omission from this WSI which I feel means that I cannot endorse it to you. The mitigation is based on the results of an evaluation by trial trenching. In trench 25 was a large pit feature of Bronze age date. It is my advice that this location should be explored further. ("On that point I also expressed concern (email dated 23/4/19) regarding opening up an area around T25 which as a large Bronze Age feature in it"). The present WSI does not explore the area around the Bronze Age feature in Trench 25 further and it is my opinion that such an investigation is merited prior to development and should be secured through the WSI before I could endorse it to you.

Whilst I would not endorse this WSI to you, the applicant's archaeologist are aware of my concerns and I hope might be preparing a further WSI that addresses these concerns. They are monitor in nature, but in light of the result of the trench 25 evaluation I do feel that it is important to await an updated WSI.

Yours sincerely

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