

Dear Mr Oliver,

APP/18/01033: Land East of, Castle Avenue, Havant: Residential development comprising 69 No. dwellings with access from St George's Avenue together with access, car parking, landscaping, electrical substation and associated works

Thank you for your consultation. The site is located in an area of good archaeological potential with a substantial Iron Age settlement recorded immediately to the north and with Warblington Roman villa located 200 metres to the south east. The projected route of the Chichester to Bitterne Roman road also passes immediately to the south. Evidence for medieval ridge and furrow agriculture has also been recorded immediately to the east of the site. There is a very good chance that as yet unrecorded archaeological features and/or deposits dating from the later prehistoric, Roman and medieval periods may survive within the site. Historic Ordnance Survey maps of the area show that the site has remained undeveloped over the past 150 years, so that any archaeological features which may exist here will be relatively well preserved. The construction of 78 houses, together with access roads, garages and service trenches would have a severe impact upon such an archaeological resource and so, 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 trial trenches located within the plots of the proposed houses and garages as well as along the routes of any access roads.

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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