

**Planning Application APP/18/00244 Colt International Ltd, New Lane, Havant,
PO9 2LY**

Thank you for your consultation. I would refer you to the Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) submitted with this application, which I would endorse to you. This DBA concludes that the site lies within a rich archaeological landscape with the potential for prehistoric, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and medieval remains to exist within the site. In particular the projected route of the Rowlands Castle to Havant Roman road passes within 40 metres to the site's western boundary. The DBA highlights the fact that much of the site has been levelled and truncated by the modern development, other than the western car park. Due to this terracing, all but the western car park can be considered to be archaeologically sterile. The DBA recommends some archaeological response prior to the commencement of any new development within that western area. I would concur but recognise that archaeology does not present 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 a suitable condition to any planning consent that might be granted. For instance:

'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 within the site. The assessment should take the form of trial trenching across those parts of the site not impacted by modern ground reduction activity. If the results of the evaluation are deemed significant enough by Havant Borough Council, then a programme of archaeological mitigation of impact, based on the results of the trial trenching, should be carried out in accordance with a further Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. Following the completion of all archaeological fieldwork, a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme including, where appropriate, a post-excavation assessment consisting of specialist analysis and reports together with a programme of publication and public engagement.'

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

Yours sincerely,

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