

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/18/00450

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/18/00450

Address: Land at Forty Acre Farm, Havant Road, Havant

Proposal: Erection of 320 dwellings (including a 30% provision of affordable homes), 66 bed care home, provision of public open space, habitat mitigation zone, allotments, closure of existing access and creation of 2 new access points and associated infrastructure following demolition of existing buildings.

Case Officer: Lewis Oliver

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: County Archaeologist

Comments

Dear Mr Oliver,

Thank you for your consultation. I would refer you to the field entitled ARCHEOLOGICAL DESK BASED ASSESSMENT that is included among the documentation attached to the above application on your website. This Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) concludes that:

6.4 The site is considered to have a low potential for Palaeolithic and post-medieval, a low to moderate potential for Roman and medieval, and a moderate potential for Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age archaeological evidence. The potential for Palaeolithic evidence is subject to change once a greater understanding of the underlying geology at the study site is achieved.

6.5 It is considered that the proposed development of this site is likely to have an archaeological impact, through the excavation of foundations, services and landscaping. In these circumstances, Hampshire County Councils archaeological advisor is likely to require further archaeological information in advance of development taking place, to confirm the presence or absence of archaeological remains and geo-archaeological potential.

6.6 It is recommended that this could be achieved through archaeological monitoring of below ground site investigation works.

I would concur with paragraphs 6.4 and 6.5 that the site has archaeological potential and that considering this against the scale of the proposed development, it will be essentially to explore this

potential further prior to the commencement of any ground working phase prior to construction. Paragraph 6.6 is a little clumsily worded, but I believe it is suggesting that those parts of the site within the footprints of proposed houses, garages, services and access roads, be investigated by an archaeological evaluation as a first step in assessing the site. I would concur with this view.

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 located across the proposed locations of any houses, garages, services and 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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