

Dear Mrs Miszewska,

Planning Application APP/24/00761 7-9 South Street, Havant, PO9 1BU

Thank you for your consultation. I note that the Heritage Statement does not include archaeological matters. The site is located within the historic core of the medieval settlement of Havant, and additionally within the extent of a previous Roman settlement based on the crossroads of two Roman roads. Indeed one of the Roman roads underlies this site.

It is not clear in the application how the foundations of the new buildings (as well as other ground lowering and services) will be approached but the creation of a new building implies significant groundworks. These have the potential to encounter archaeological remains relating to both the medieval and Roman settlement at Havant. Provision will need to be made to ensure that archaeological remains are recognised and recorded during ground works. In the absence of any foundation details it is not clear to me whether such provision might be an archaeological watching brief during ground works or a more mature provision to ensure elements of prior excavation.

I recommend that the applicant is requested to supply the planning authority with an archaeological statement which will clarify the nature of the ground impact and the proposed archaeological mitigation strategy. I would be happy to comment further in the light of that.

I recommend that an archaeological condition is attached to any planning permission issued to secure an appropriate level of archaeological mitigation by recording.

Yours sincerely

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