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Our ref: P01579182

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Dear Mr Lakhan

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**PIPELINE FROM THE RESERVOIR TO THE NORTH OF MIDDLE PARK WAY TO
BEDHAMPTON PUMPING STATION, MEYRICK ROAD, HAVANT.
Application No. APP/24/00405**

Thank you for your letter of 3 July 2024 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

The proposed development has the potential to affect archaeological remains of some heritage significance.

Construction of the pipeline is proposed to be mostly via micro tunnelling, with some sections of open trenches, shafts and compound areas.

Our Archaeological Scientist has reviewed the revised Environmental Statement Volume 2 Chapter 8, Appendix A8.7 the pipeline Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) and the archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for an archaeological watching brief.

We concur with the County Archaeologist that the documentation provided and the methodology for archaeological mitigation is flawed and should be revised.

Our main concerns are as follows.

- i. The Archaeological Management Plan (A8.7) states that: "The Principal Contractor's work would not be subject to archaeological control unless important archaeological discoveries are found (AMP, 1.22).and then



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archaeological work will only be done without interrupting the progress of the contractors' activities." (WSI 2.2.4). This would not adequately identify and record archaeological remains.

- ii. Both documents should make provision for preservation in situ or preservation by record of archaeological remains, to be agreed with the County Archaeologist, in the event that nationally important significance are recovered, such as an *in situ* Mesolithic flint scatter.
- iii. Several other details of the methodology would be poor practice and should be amended.

Recommendation

We recommend the archaeological methodology should be revised and submitted to the County Archaeologist for approval, before the application is determined.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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