

Discharge of Conditions 12, 13 and 14 APP/20/00991 Pipeline from Proposed Reservoir Site, Middle Park Way to land adjacent to, West Street, Havant

Dear Mr Lakhan,

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Thank you for your consultation, which relates to the discharge of conditions 12, 13 and 14, which relate to the archaeological impacts of the Phase 1 shaft construction of the overall pipeline scheme. I would refer you to the updated Archaeological Management Plan and the written scheme of investigation, submitted to support the discharge of the archaeological conditions.

Section 6 of the AMP recommends that an archaeological watching brief during the relevant stages of development is an appropriate archaeological response. Para 6.3.1 indicates that whilst the watching brief will secure archaeological monitoring of ground works (the break out and clearance stages according to WSI para 3.1.2) provision also includes moving to integrated recording (AMP) or controlled excavation (WSI para 2.1.3) in the event that important discoveries are made. With that proviso in place I am happy to endorse the intent of the AMP and the WSI.

However I do have two minor comments which I think need to be addressed before the AMP and the WSI can be fully endorsed. Para 6.3.2 of the AMP indicates that the AMP document may be subject to change. If this is to be an endorsed document any changes post endorsement must be subject to the agreement of the local planning authority and that should be stated within that paragraph.

Section 3 of the WSI makes provision for an archaeological watching brief report to be produced. I would endorse this, but in the event that AMP 6.3.1 and WSI 2.1.3 are invoked and more formal excavations are engaged the AMP and or the WSI should make provision that the results may need to be published in some form if the results merit it. That is, if the watching brief becomes an excavation because important archaeological remains have been found I would normally anticipate that an excavation may produce results meriting wider circulation than a planning and HER report via some form of publication (in this case possibly within a wider publication of the wider project results).

Yours sincerely

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