

Dear Ms. Price,

**Planning Application APP/23/00006 Church House, The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE**

Thank you for your consultation. The site lies within the historic core of Havant and within an area of high archaeological importance. This area of Havant has been settled since at least the Roman period, with the projected course of Roman roads passing 45m to the west of the site and 100m to the south. The site has a high potential for archaeological remains related to the Roman, Saxon and medieval development of the town.

The drawings submitted with the application indicate that the new concrete pad foundation will extend to 1m below ground level, extending beyond the depth of the existing foundation. The excavations required for these foundations are likely to be sufficient to impact previously un-recorded archaeological remains, if present. These remains could include important archaeological deposition sequences, which could provide information regarding the historic development of the town, which is currently not well understood.

On this basis, I would recommend that a suitably worded archaeological condition should be added to any planning permission granted. This condition should secure the implementation of programme of archaeological monitoring (watching brief) on the excavation of foundations, in accordance with a submitted and approved written scheme of investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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