

Dear Mr Christie,

Planning Application APP/22/00837 Care Home Cowplain School, Hart Plain Avenue, Waterlooville

Thank you for your consultation. With regard to buried archaeological remains I can confirm that there are no archaeological sites recorded at that location nor in its vicinity. The nature of the historic landscape prior to modern development is such as to suggest a lower archaeological potential, and the tarmac development will have compromised that potential to some degree. Whilst encountering archaeological remains cannot be ruled out, it does not seem likely in this case and there is no pressing argument to burden the planning permission with any archaeological provision. I would not raise any below ground archaeological issues.

With regard to built archaeology it is recorded that there is (or was) two air raid shelters in the school playing fields. It is not clear on our records (as reported to us) if they survive today and if they fall within the current development. I would be grateful if the applicant could confirm if there are air raid shelters from the last war within the area impacted by development, and I would be happy to comment further if there are,

Yours sincerely

David Hopkins
County Archaeologist