

Dear Mr. Ford,

Planning Application APP/21/01314 Tall Trees, Edward Gardens, Havant, PO9 3JJ

Thank you for your consultation. The site lies in the historic core of Bedhampton, within an area of high archaeological potential related to the Manor of Bedhampton. Immediately to the north of the site lies the site of the Manor, which at least originates in the 16th century but is likely to have been occupied from much earlier in the medieval period (historical records show that a Manor was founded in Bedhampton as early as the 9th century AD). Immediately to the south of the site is the 12th century church of St. Thomas. Historic mapping demonstrates that the current site of Tall Trees originally formed part of the grounds of the manor and was not enclosed as a separate property until the 20th century. The proposed development site has the potential to contain archaeological remains related to the organisation and operation of the 16th century manors grounds and archaeological remains related to the earlier use of the site (possibly evidence of an earlier manor).

The groundworks associated with the proposed extension and veranda have the potential to negatively impact any archaeological remains which might be present. Whilst this would not present an overriding concern, I would recommend that a suitably worded archaeological condition be attached to any planning permission granted. This condition should secure the implementation of a submitted written scheme of investigation for archaeological monitoring (watching brief) of groundworks associated with the proposed development.

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

Yours sincerely,

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