

Dear Ms. Wells,

Planning Application APP/22/00669 Land at Kingscroft Farm adjacent to Ridgway and, Marples Way, Havant

Thank you for your consultation. The site lies to the south-east of the historic core of Bedhampton, within an area that has recorded archaeological remains indicating later prehistoric occupation and agricultural activities. The site lies close to the archaeologically important Langstone Harbour area and Archaeological investigations ahead of development, at a site on Ranelagh Road (immediately to the north-east of this proposed development) uncovered a small number of *in situ* Bronze Age buried vessels amongst contemporary field systems.

I would draw your attention to the archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA), which was submitted in support of this application (PCA 2022). Following an assessment of the Hampshire Historic Environment Record (HER), the document describes the site's archaeological potential for prehistoric remains as 'High' but for all other periods as 'Low' (chapter 7). With regards to previous impacts, the DBA identifies no current or modern development which would have caused a significant below ground impact but does highlight an area in the northern portion of the site which is broadly indicated as 'brick field' within 19th century mapping (para 8.1.1). The impact of the proposed development is described as likely being '*sufficient to impact any surviving archaeological remains*' (para 8.2.1). In conclusion the document states (para 9.1.3): '*In view of the site's archaeological potential but taking account of the previous and existing impacts on that potential, it is considered that there is no archaeological reason for the proposed development to be constrained or hindered. It is recommended that, in the event a planning application leads to the current proposed development gaining consent then that consent should be granted with a condition requiring a programme of archaeological work to be carried out, in order to secure the preservation of any archaeological remains by record.*'

I would agree with these conclusions and endorse the submitted archaeological Desk-Based Assessment to planning authority. I agree that archaeology would not present an overriding concern but would advise that suitably worded conditions be attached to any planning permission granted. For example:

1) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological evaluation, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To assess the extent, nature and date of any archaeological deposits that might be present and the impact of the development upon these heritage assets.

2) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological mitigation of impact, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To mitigate the effect of the works associated with the development upon any heritage assets and to ensure that information regarding these heritage assets is preserved by record for future generations.

3) Following completion of archaeological fieldwork a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme submitted by the developer and approved in writing by the local planning authority setting out and securing appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports, publication and public engagement.

Reason: To contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our past by ensuring that opportunities are taken to capture evidence from the historic environment and to make this publicly available.

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

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