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To: Havant Planning and Development Mailbox New
Subject: RE: Planning Application APP/20/01093 Archaeological conditions Land at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application APP/20/01093 Archaeological conditions Land at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island

Thank you for your consultation. I recommend that the archaeological conditions are not discharged at this time.

I would draw your attention to the archaeological evaluation report submitted which I cannot fully endorse to you. The report does not include an adequate representation in plan and section of the small pits that were encountered and filled with burnt material. As a result I have a less than clear understanding of their character and significance, and as the report will stand for future decision making it should require me to access the archive in order to understand the archaeology present. I recommend that the applicant be asked to resubmit the archaeological evaluation report with location, plans and sections of all of the archaeological features encountered and reported within it.

Furthermore I do not endorse the conclusion, set out in para 7.7 that the results support no further archaeological work being undertaken. The archaeological evaluation is a 4% sample and the results have to be extrapolated to some extent to recognise that the archaeological evidence presented in the evaluation report is only a small sample of what is there. The archaeological evaluation recognised two linear features associated with a quantity of prehistoric pottery and suggested might be part of an enclosure. The analysis of the prehistoric pottery whilst not conclusive suggests that it is Bronze Age in date. Also found was briquetage, evidence of salt working. Iron Age salt working is known on the Hampshire coast and the associated pottery cannot be ruled out as Iron Age, but is presently regarded as Bronze Age and Bronze Age salt working is not currently archaeologically attested on this coast. The prospect of a Bronze Age salt working site (whether the actual industrial production site or an associated activity or occupation area) is of great archaeological interests. The extent and character of this archaeological site should be further explored and revealed before it is destroyed by development. Paragraph 7.4 suggests that the evidence of trench 33 is isolated as there is no archaeological evidence in the adjacent trenches, but trench 32 contains a pit of burnt material (such as might be created by simple salt production) although this pit is one of those not, in my opinion, adequately represented in the evaluation report. It is also interesting to note that para 7.6 indicates that evidence of salt working in this area is archaeologically significant and this is also the impression given by the specialist ceramic report. Therefore I would not support the conclusion that the archaeological evaluation demonstrates that no further archaeological work is merited.

On that basis I would not endorse the discharge of the archaeological condition relating to the archaeological evaluation as the report submitted is in my opinion incomplete.

I would not support the discharge of the archaeological condition relating to further archaeological works at this site as in my opinion evidence of prehistoric salt working along this coast would merit some further archaeological recording prior to development.

Yours sincerely

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Due to COVID I am presently working from home but can be contacted by email and on the phone number above.

From: planning.development@havant.gov.uk <planning.development@havant.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 March 2022 09:40

To: Historic Environment <historic.environment@hants.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Application APP/20/01093 Land at Sinah Lane, Hayling Island

This email is a consultation request regarding the subject planning application, reference APP/20/01093.

The attached letter contains contact details should you wish to discuss the application with the Case Officer.

To see the details of the application and associated documents on the Havant Borough Council website, follow [this link](#).

or https://planningpublicaccess.havant.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=DCAPR_249519