

Planning Application APP/21/00989 Cabbagefield Row, opposite 123-133, Swanmore Road, Havant

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the archaeological desk based assessment that has been submitted. Whilst the Planning Statement (para 6.1 and 7.13), draws some comfort, but no conclusion, from the proposal that the desk based assessment found 'no definitive indications that any buried archaeological remains are within the site' the desk based assessment concludes that the site does have the potential to contain as yet unrecorded archaeological remains. It is the nature of buried archaeology that 'definitive indications' are below the surface and can require some survey to encounter them.

The archaeological desk based assessment, having reviewed the existing archaeological data, landscape character, topography and geology concludes that the site is located within a landscape of archaeological interest particularly pertaining to the prehistoric and Romano British periods (para 4.3.3). It suggests that the landscape would have been highly attractive to prehistoric settlers (para 3.2.3) and that the site does have some archaeological potential (para 5.1.1).

Whilst para 5.1.3 acknowledges that further archaeological work might be required it does not set out a mitigation strategy. I would concur that the site does have some archaeological potential and I recommend that the mitigation of the impact of development should be secured through the use of planning conditions attached to any planning permission which might be issued. I recommend that those archaeological conditions should secure a preliminary phase of archaeological survey, sometimes known as an evaluation, followed by a stage of archaeological recording of archaeological remains identified which are impacted by development.

Yours sincerely

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