

**APP/16/00295: Interbridges Site, New Brighton Road, Emsworth: Veterinary practice,
4No. business units, parking and open storage yards**

Thank you for your consultation. The site is located in an area where very few heritage assets have been identified to date (the nearest asset of any significance being the Bitterne to Chichester Roman road that passes east – west around 400 metres to the south). However, the site is in open ground (and from the available historic mapping appears to have been open ground for at least the last 150 years) therefore if any as yet archaeological features survive here they will be well preserved. Considering the scale of the proposed development there is a chance therefore that ground working associated with construction may well disturb such features and I feel it would be wise to assess the archaeological potential of the site prior to any development. Therefore, while there is no indication that archaeology presents an overriding concern I would advise that the assessment, recording and reporting of any archaeological deposits affected by the construction of the new units, storage areas and the access road be secured through the attachment of suitable conditions to any planning consent that might be granted. For instance:

1) That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological assessment in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The assessment should take the form of trial trenches located within the footprints of the proposed units, storage yards and along the access road in order to ensure that any archaeological remains encountered are recognised, characterised and recorded.

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, based on the results of the trial trenching, 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 including where 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 queries regarding this application, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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