

Dear Mrs McMurray,

APP/15/01227: 11 East Street, Havant: Alterations to ground floor to provide 1No. 2 bedroom apartment and adaptations to upper floors to remodel 2No. 2 bedroom apartments

Thank you consultation. The site of proposed development lies within an area of high archaeological potential. It is on the projected line of the Roman Road that runs north through Havant from Hayling Island and close to the crossroads with the east west road that runs through Havant from Chichester westwards. Recent investigations in Havant have identified some important archaeological remains relating to the Roman settlement in the town and it is likely that further such remains are present within the development site. In addition, Havant is understood to have been a Saxon settlement although little has been excavated in the town that dates from this period. It is also possible therefore that remains relating to the Saxon and later periods are present with the development site. Such archaeological features would be of local and potentially regional significance. However, it is likely that any as yet unrecorded archaeological features and/or deposits within the site will have been impacted by previous development on the site.

While the internal remodelling of 11 East Street would be unlikely to expose or impact upon any such archaeological features, the removal of the foundations of the link building to the rear may expose them. If the intention of the developers is to demolish the link building to ground level, leaving the foundations intact, then no archaeological monitoring will be required and I would not wish to raise any archaeological issues

However, if the removal of foundations IS proposed, I would advise that a condition is attached to any future planning permission that may be issued. Such a condition would require the preparation of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) that sets out the methodology for archaeological monitoring to take place during the removal of any foundations following the demolition of the link building to the rear of 11 East Street. This monitoring will ensure that any archaeological remains encountered during this phase of the development are recognised, characterised and recorded. Provision should also be made for the public dissemination of any results and the WSI should satisfy the Local Planning Authority that the scheme is archaeologically sustainable under the terms of NPPF.

If you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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