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Dear Mr Murray,

APP/15/00303: Former Oak Park School, Leigh Road, Havant: Proposed Development: Havant Health and Well-Being Campus

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the Heritage Statement and Archaeological Assessment that is attached to this planning application on your website. This Heritage Statement concludes that an archaeological mitigation strategy be implemented under a condition following receipt of planning consent. Such a programme of additional evaluation trenching should seek to confirm the nature and extent of underlying archaeological features. Any features revealed should be adequately excavated and sampled for palaeoenvironmental evidence, while any finds should be subject to specialist assessment. Consideration of the full range of evidence would then inform any subsequent programme of work which would range from further excavation, if justified by the evidence, to a watching brief during development. A plan setting out a proposed programme of works for the first phase of this strategy is being prepared and, in consultation with Hampshire County Council, will be agreed prior to determination of the planning application as the basis for the work to be carried out as a condition on planning permission should this be granted.

I would concur with these conclusions and would therefore advise that a condition is place upon any planning permission that is granted. This condition would require the preparation of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) that sets out a programme of archaeological investigation of the site via trenching that will establish the extent, character, date and state of preservation of any archaeological features or deposits that may exist within the site. This WSI should also set out details of how the potential impact of the proposed development upon this archaeology will be mitigated against and what provision will be made for the public dissemination of the results of all this work. The WSI strategy should satisfy the planning authority that all archaeological issues will be sustainably dealt with during development.

Yours sincerely,

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