

Dear Mrs Smith,

**Application 14/01184 Portsdown Hill, west of Glebe Park Avenue, north of
Bedhampton Hill, Discharge of conditions 2 and 3**

Thank you for your recent consultation. I have reviewed the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) submitted and am happy to confirm that it meets the archaeological concerns secured by Condition 2 (The evaluation or assessment phase). I would not raise an archaeological objection to the discharge of Condition 2 if you are happy that you can enforce the provisions of the submitted WSI. However I would draw to your attention para 2.1.7 of the WSI which is explicit that the WSI addresses only Condition 2.

Condition 3 secures an appropriate level of archaeological mitigation for any archaeological remains revealed by the archaeological evaluation /assessment phase (condition2). It is not possible to know or describe this mitigation at this stage until the results of the evaluation are available, and the submitted WSI clearly (and explicitly in para 2.1.7) does not attempt to do that. It is therefore premature to consider discharging Condition 3. To secure the discharge Condition 3 the applicant will need to submit a WSI describing a range of archaeological works which will not be definitive until the results of the evaluation are available.

Yours sincerely

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(County Archaeologist)