Archaeology

Rachael Hebden

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Dear Mrs Hebden,

RE: Application 11/01488 - The South Downs College, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, PO7 8AA.

Thank you for consulting us on the above application as the proposal site lies within an area of archaeological sensitivity. The applicant contacted the Hampshire County Council Archaeology team regarding the archaeological potential of the site prior to submitting an application to the Planning Authority and have included a discussion of the issues within the Design and Access Statement attached to this application. I would draw your attention to section 5.5 of this document.

A variety of archaeological deposits and features have been recorded within the vicinity of the proposal site and these principally relate to occupation activity during the Roman period. The Littlepark Wood Roman villa lies just to the east of the College site and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (HA328) of national significance. A Roman building and corn drier were uncovered during the construction of the housing estate to the south of the proposal site and a Roman pottery kiln has also been excavated in the Crookhorn area. In addition, an extant section of the Roman road from Chichester to Bitterne also survives just to the south of the College. Evidence for later occupation and re-use of the landscape during the medieval period has also been identified on the site of Riverside Community School, with house platforms and pits indicative of settlement recorded.

The site appears not to have been subject to previous development or significant disturbance. Given the potential for archaeological deposits relating to Roman and medieval activity, groundworks associated with the development may disturb previously unidentified and recorded sites. It is my opinion that the planning permission should secure an opportunity to record, identify and recover these archaeological deposits.

While the archaeological potential of the site is not so great as to present an overriding concern, I would recommend that, should planning permission be granted, in line with PPS5 the recording of any remains that might be present should be secured through the attachment of a suitable archaeological condition. For example:

That no development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

In the first instance I would anticipate that the first stage in the programme of archaeological work would take the form of a strip, map and record exercise. The results of this work would then inform any further mitigation that may be required. I would urge the applicant to undertake this initial stage of works at the earliest possible time so that the results of the strip, map and record can be factored into the work programme.

Should you or the applicant have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

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This email is a consultation request regarding the subject planning application, reference APP/11/01488.

The attached letter contains contact details should you wish to discuss the application with the Case Officer.

To see the details of the application and associated documents on the Havant Borough Council website, follow this link.

If you require any further information please email planning.development@havant.gov.uk or telephone (023) 9244 6518.

For Mr Steve Weaver

Interim Development Services Manager