Dunsbury Park, Waterlooville Plot 400 – Heritage Note

The purpose of this heritage note is to review the potential built heritage and archaeological impacts associated with the development proposals for Plot 400 at Dunsbury Park, Waterlooville (National Grid Reference: SU 7002 0934).

Built Heritage

In relation to designated built heritage assets, there are no Listed Buildings, Registered Park and Gardens, or Conservation Areas within a 1km radius of Plot 400.

The Environmental Impact Assessment undertaken for the original development (Ref: APP/12/00338), which was subsequently consented in 2014, concluded that the proposed development would have no adverse effects to any built heritage assets within the study area.

On the basis of the above, and on the presumption that the development currently proposed is similar in design and scale as that original proposed as part of the 2014 consented application, it is considered that the current proposals will not have a negative impact upon any known built heritage assets.

Archaeology

There are no designated archaeological assets (World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Registered Battlefields, or Protect Wrecks) within a 1km radius of Plot 400.

The first phase of archaeological investigation associated with the site comprised the production of an Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment by AOC Archaeology in 2002. The Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment reviewed the known archaeological findings in proximity and concluded that the study site had a low potential for the presence of archaeological remains.

In order to address condition 16A attached to planning consent APP/12/00338 a Written Scheme of Investigation was submitted to the Archaeological Advisor to Havant Borough Council, approving the implementation of an archaeological watching brief to facilitate monitoring of construction groundworks associated with Plot 400 (previously known as Plots 4a, 4b, and 5) and other plots in the wider construction programme. The programme of archaeological monitoring took place across the Dunsbury Park site intermittently between October 2017 and April 2018.

Features identified during the programme of archaeological monitoring were limited to the identification of land drains and modern disturbance, with no deposits of archaeological

interest recorded. Following completion of the construction groundworks in 2018, Plot 400 is now considered to be archaeologically sterile.

Summary

On the basis of the above information, it is considered that this note provides sufficient information to inform the associated planning application for Plot 400, and that the development proposal will not have a negative impact upon any designated or non-designated heritage assets of significance. No further archaeological fieldwork is required.

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