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Dear Lisa,

Re: EXTENSION TO EXISTING CARE HOME - ST. AUDREYS CARE HOME, 15 CHURCH STREET, HATFIELD: ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The site lies partly within Area of Archaeological Significance no. 17 as identified in the Local Plan. This notes the medieval settlement of Hatfield which is called *Hetfelle* in Domesday Book. It is also recorded in a 10th century charter of Ely Abbey. Excavations in Hatfield have found evidence of medieval occupation. The Historic Environment Record (HER) notes that the parish church of St Etheldreda dates from the 13th century and lies approximately 70m away, the graveyard 30m away (HER2368). Evidence of medieval and post medieval occupation has been found at Gray's Yard. St Audrey's Care Home appears on OS mapping from the late 19th century.

With the above in mind, I believe that the position of the proposed development is such that it should be regarded as likely to impact on remains of archaeological interest. I recommend, therefore, that the following provisions should be made, should you be minded to grant consent:

1. the archaeological evaluation of the proposed development site before any development commences.
2. Such appropriate mitigation measures indicated as necessary by that evaluation. These may include:
 - a) the preservation of any remains *in situ*, if warranted,
 - b) appropriate archaeological excavation of any remains before any development commences on the site, with provisions for subsequent analysis and publication of results,
 - c) archaeological monitoring of any other groundworks of the

development (also including a contingency for the preservation or further investigation of any remains then encountered),
d) such other provisions as may be necessary to protect the archaeological interests of the site.

3. the analysis of the results of the archaeological work and the production of a report

I believe these recommendations are both reasonable and necessary to provide properly for the likely archaeological implications of this proposal, and I believe they closely follow the recommendations of PPS 5, Policy HE12 and the Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide.

In this case an appropriately worded condition on any planning consent would be sufficient to provide for the level of investigation that the proposal warrants, and I suggest the following wording, (based on model condition 55 DoE circ.11/95):

No development shall take place within the development site until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the planning authority.

No use or occupation of the new extensions shall take place until the approved written scheme of investigation for archaeological works has been implemented in full.

If planning consent is granted, then this office will be able to provide a design brief detailing our requirements for the investigation and to advise on professionally accredited archaeological contractors.

I hope that you will be able to accommodate the above recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Instone
County Planning Archaeologist

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