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From: Andy Instone
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Dear Mark,

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The site lies partly within and adjacent to Area of Archaeological Significance No.17, as identified in the Local Plan. This notes the medieval settlement of Hatfield (HER6822) 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 parish church of St Etheldreda dates from the 13th century. The nearby Hatfield House and gardens were built in the early 17th century on the site of a 15th century palace.

The Historic Environment Record (HER) notes that evidence of Roman (HER) and medieval and post-medieval occupation (HER1852) has been found on the site of the car park. Medieval and post-medieval occupation has also been found along Park Street (HER6566, 6825, 6861).

An archaeological desk-based assessment which has been submitted with this application notes that the potential for surviving archaeological remains in the area of the car park is medium but lower across the rest of the site.

The proposed development is therefore likely to have an impact on heritage assets, and I recommend that the following provisions be made, should you be minded to grant consent:

1. an archaeological field evaluation of the site before any demolition or development commences, this may include trenches and test pits,
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 the 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 that these recommendations are both reasonable and necessary to provide properly for the likely archaeological implications of this development proposal. I further believe that these recommendations closely follow the policies included within Planning Policy Statement 5 (HE7, HE12 etc.) and the guidance contained in the Historic Environment Planning Practice

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

A No demolition/development shall take place/commence until an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme shall include an assessment of archaeological significance and research questions; and:

- 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording*
- 2. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording as suggested by the archaeological evaluation*
- 3. The programme for post investigation assessment*
- 4. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording*
- 5. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
- 6. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
- 7. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation.*

B The development shall not be occupied/used until the archaeological investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis,

C The development shall not be occupied/used until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis and publication where appropriate.

If planning consent is granted, I will be able to provide a design brief detailing the requirements for the investigations and provide information on professionally accredited archaeological contractors who may be able to carry out the investigations. Please allow 5-10 working days for this document to be issued and a further 5-10 working days for consideration of any submitted archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation. The applicant should send a copy of this letter to their archaeological contractor.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Instone
County Planning Archaeologist

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