

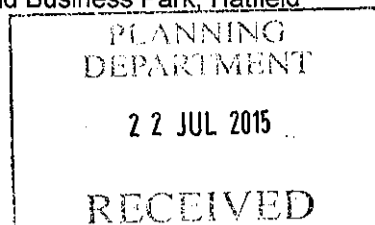
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From: Andy Instone [Andy.Instone@hertfordshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 July 2015 15:25
To: Mark Peacock
Subject: S6/2015/1061/MA : Plot 6000, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield

Dear Mark,

Thank you for consulting me.



The applicant has submitted an archaeological desk-based assessment with this planning application. The report notes the previous archaeological investigations which have taken place on the site of the former Hatfield aerodrome and factory. None have been significant enough to be preserved *in situ*. In Part 6 the report notes that the site has potential for heritage assets with archaeological interest from the prehistoric and 'Saxon' or medieval periods. It concludes (paragraph 6.1.4):

Although the precise details would need to be agreed with the local authority's archaeological advisor, it is suggested that the most appropriate investigation strategy is likely to entail archaeological evaluation trenches. These would aim to assess the presence, nature and significance of any archaeological remains in the areas of proposed impact. A preliminary investigation could also include the archaeological monitoring of any geotechnical pits dug for engineering purposes.

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

1. the archaeological monitoring of any geo-technical investigations
2. an archaeological field evaluation of the site before any development commences
3. 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.

In this case an appropriately worded condition on any planning consent would be sufficient to provide for the level of investigation that this proposal warrants.

Historic England's *Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning* suggests the following wording:

No demolition/development shall take place/commence until a written scheme of investigation (WSI) has been [submitted to and] approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI, which shall include the statement of significance and research objectives; and:
· *The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works*
· *The programme for post-investigation assessment and subsequent analysis, publication & dissemination and deposition of resulting material. This part of the condition shall not be discharged until these elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI.*

I understand that this was negotiated and agreed with DCLG.

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I'm not sure yet how it will work in practice, or whether LPAs will want to still have 2 conditions, the pre-commencement part covering the WSI.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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To: Andy Instone
Subject: Consult Message: Plot 6000, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield {-14613-226199-}

Dear Andy Instone

Amended drawings received, any comments to be forwarded to the Case Officer

Please click the following link to review these comments:

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