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Your ref: 6/2019/1411/MAJ
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Dear David

Re: Erection of a multi-franchise car dealership (sui generis use) with offices (B1 use class), workshops (B2 use class) and car storage (B8 use class), together with car parking, cycle parking, boundary treatment, landscaping, lighting and access | Plot 5100, Mosquito Way, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, AL10 9WN

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us.

The site lies within the area of the former Hatfield aerodrome where the historic environment record notes archaeological investigations have revealed evidence from the prehistoric period to mid twentieth century. The area adjacent to the site has revealed evidence of activity from the middle to late Bronze Age. Also the site is relatively large (2.2ha) and in Hertfordshire we normally expect to find archaeological remains in areas above 1ha.

I believe that the position of the proposed development is such that it should be regarded as likely to have an impact on heritage assets with archaeological interest, I recommend that the following provisions be made, should you be minded to grant consent:

1. The archaeological investigation of development via 'strip, map and record'. This should include a contingency for preservation or further archaeological investigation of any remains encountered;

2. analysis of the results of the archaeological work with provisions for subsequent production of a report(s) and/or publication(s) of these results & an archive;
3. such other provisions necessary to protect the archaeological interests of the site.

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 Policy 12 (para. 141, etc.) of the National Planning Policy Framework. and the guidance contained in the Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide.

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In this case three appropriately worded conditions on any planning consent would be sufficient to provide for the level of investigation that this proposal warrants. We suggest the following wording:

A *No 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 required by the 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 take place/commence in accordance with the programme of archaeological works set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A)*

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.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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