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Dear Sarah,

Re: Installation of internal wall and doorway - 1-5 Park Street Hatfield AL9 5AT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting me on the above, amended, application.

Please note that the following advice is based on the policies contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

As you are aware, historic building recording of alterations to this building (carried out according to an approved Written Scheme of Investigation submitted re 6/2019/2469/COND) discovered wall paintings of potentially early 17th century date on the first floor of the building. The most significant of these is a painting of a chimera with a lion's head between decorative columns, which has survived beneath early timber panelling on the lower half of the wall and lath and plaster on the upper part of the wall. It is proposed that these paintings should be preserved *in situ*.

I defer to your Conservation Adviser with regard to the suitability of the proposals for the internal wall and doorway.

I also note and support her recommendation that the wall 'painting is fully recorded by a historic building specialist prior to it being covered, this can be reserved by condition or provided as part of the application.'

I recommend that the following provisions be made, should you be minded to grant consent:

1. The historic building recording of the wall paintings by an appropriately qualified specialist prior to development taking place.
2. the analysis of the results of the archaeological work, with provisions for the subsequent production of a report and an archive, and the publication of the

results, as appropriate;

3. such other provisions as may be necessary to protect the archaeological and historic 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 16 (para.199, etc.) of the National Planning Policy Framework. and the guidance contained in Historic England's Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 2 (2015).

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. I 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 for post investigation assessment;*
3. *Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording;*
4. *Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation;*
5. *Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation;*
6. *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.*

If planning consent is granted, I will be able to provide detailed advice concerning the requirements for the investigations, and to provide information on professionally accredited archaeological contractors who may be able to carry out the necessary work.

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

Yours sincerely,



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