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Dear Ashley,

**Re: Erection of a single storey building to rear for use as additional dining space for existing restaurant. Judges Judge's Hill Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4NL.**

#### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

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

The proposed development site abuts Area of Archaeological Significance No 39, as identified in the Local Plan. This denotes the historic core of the medieval settlement of Northaw. The Sun Inn (now Judge's restaurant) is shown on the Northaw Enclosure map of 1807. It is a Grade II Listed Building [List no.1173908]. The L-shaped timber framed building dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and was extended at both ends in the late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was re-fronted in c.1900.

With the above in mind, I believe that it is possible that the construction of the single storey building in the space to the rear of the restaurant may have an impact on below ground archaeological remains (undesigned heritage assets).

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

1. The archaeological monitoring of all groundworks related to the development, including foundation trenches, service trenches, ground reduction, hard landscaping, access, and any other ground impact; This should include a contingency for preservation or further investigation of any remains encountered;
2. the analysis of the results of the archaeological work with provision for the subsequent production of a report and an archive, and the publication of the results;

3. such other provisions as may be 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 16 (para. 205, etc.) of the National Planning Policy Framework, and relevant guidance contained in the National Planning Practice Guidance, and in the Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 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 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 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 demolition/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.

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,

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