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Date: 31st March 2023

Dear Louise,

Re: Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (archaeological report for Part A & B, items 2 to 6 for Phases 1, excluding decant building) on planning permission 6/2021/2125/MAJ – Hertfordshire Constabulary Stanborough Road Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 6X

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting us on the above application for discharge of condition.

I note that we previously advised partial discharge of condition 3 A (Parts 1 and 7).

The applicant has submitted two satisfactory reports on the initial archaeological investigations carried out at the above site in October 2022 (in relation to Phase 1 of the development (excluding decant building), as stated in the application). These comprised archaeological monitoring of ground investigation test pits along the route of the haul road, through the Gosling Sports Centre site, and four evaluation trial trenches in the area of the proposed memorial garden and dog centre.

The Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the Planning Authority also provides for further archaeological investigations associated with the subsequent phases of the re-development of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters site, including archaeological monitoring of the demolition programme (removal of slab and foundations) and additional archaeological trial trench evaluation of the development, by phase.

These archaeological investigations have not yet been carried out.

We are, therefore, unable to recommend that Condition 3 is discharged in full until the programme of archaeological work detailed in the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (ref. 6/2022/2164/COND) has been completed in accordance with the WSI, an appropriate report of a satisfactory standard has been submitted to the Planning Authority, and provision has been made for further analysis and publication if required.

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

Yours sincerely,

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