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Date: 30 September 2019

Dear Louise,

Re: Temporary provision of 3 classroom block; additional car and cycle parking spaces; regularisation of existing parking arrangements - Stanborough School Lemsford Lane Welwyn Garden City AL8 6YR

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The amended information submitted appears to be a drawing of the proposed foundation loading. The loading is of less interest to us from an archaeological perspective than the proposed depth of the foundations and it is unclear from the drawing whether the foundations will be pad or strip.

It has, however, come to our attention that the (pad) foundations for the temporary classroom have already been excavated, prior to planning permission being granted. As we recommended a pre-commencement archaeological condition we have obvious concerns about this, notwithstanding the work taking place without planning permission, with which we are sure you will have your own issues.

As we are uncertain whether or not the unauthorised groundworks have disturbed any archaeological features we would advise that several archaeological test pits are excavated, prior to development commencing, adjacent to the excavations that have already been carried out. This will enable us to determine whether archaeological features have been impacted by the development. As per my colleague Alison Tinniswood's original advice letter, all other groundworks should be archaeologically monitored.

We continue to recommend our standard three conditions:

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.
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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