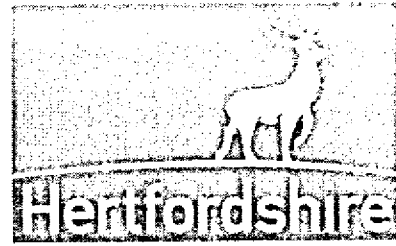




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8th July, 2009

Dear Anita,

**Re: SHREDDED WHEAT SITE, BROADWATER ROAD, WELWYN GARDEN CITY : EIA SCOPING REQUEST: ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**

Thank you for consulting me on the above EIA Scoping request.

Welwyn Garden City has revealed an extensive landscape of Iron Age and Roman occupation, including cemeteries and burials, which are noted by the Historic Environment Record (HER). The site lies between Areas of Archaeological Significance (AAS) as identified in the Local Plan: AAS26 (Church Road) and AAS 30 (Salisbury Gardens and Shotlands Green). These note evidence of Iron Age and Roman occupation and the potential for further finds.

The site of a possible medieval moat at Peartree Farm (HER2615) lies just to the south of the site and Roman pottery has been found at the junction of Hyde Way and Broadwater Road to the north (HER2615). In addition the Shredded Wheat Buildings are Listed as being of architectural and historic importance and were part of the industrial development of the Garden City before and after the Second World War (LB158251).

With the above in mind and in accordance with the advice contained within PPG 16 (paragraphs 21 and 22), PPG 15 (paragraph 2.11) and the Local Plan policy on the historic environment (archaeology), I recommend that the Environmental Statement submitted with the planning application should include the results of a



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full consideration of the potential survival and significance of archaeological remains, and of historic structures remaining on the site. This information should comprise the results of the following investigations:

1. An archaeological desk-based assessment of the development site,
2. an historic building assessments of all the standing structures on the site,
3. and an initial archaeological evaluation likely to be in the form of trial trenching.

Once the results of these investigations are available, then this office will be able to advise as to the likelihood of the development having an impact on significant archaeology and, therefore, as necessary, the mitigation strategies required. These may include:

1. the preservation of any remains *in situ*, if warranted,
2. further intrusive archaeological below-ground evaluation of the development site,
3. an appropriate archaeological excavation of any remains before any demolition or development commences on the site
4. the further archaeological recording, analysis, and interpretation of standing structures before and/or during development,
5. the archaeological monitoring of the development's groundworks,
6. such other provisions as may be necessary to protect the archaeological interests of the site.

If the applicant wishes to continue with the proposal, this office can provide a design brief detailing our requirements and provide information on professionally accredited archaeological contractors who may be able to carry out the necessary investigations.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Andy Instone  
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