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Dear Clare,

Re: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 289 residential units (Use Class C3) and community hub (Use Class E/F.2), with public realm and open space, landscaping, access, associated car and cycle parking, refuse and recycling storage and supporting infrastructure. - Biopark Broadwater Road Welwyn Garden City AL7 3AX

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The proposed development is circa 250m to the southeast of an Area of Archaeological Significance, which contains late prehistoric and Roman remains. As a consequence we have recommended archaeological conditions in relation to planning applications for the Wheat Quarter development to the north.

However, the existing building on the current site has two levels of basements. It is therefore strongly unlikely that any archaeological remains could have survived its construction, and the proposed residential development would be largely within its footprint, with the exception of the two southernmost blocks.

These two southern blocks (Blocks F and G) are furthest away from the known archaeology and alone are not particularly large in size. This area was historically a playground and a car park.

In this instance, therefore, I consider that the development is unlikely to have an impact on heritage assets of archaeological interest, and I have no comment to make upon the proposal.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Simon Wood FSA Scot
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Environmental Resource Planning