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FAO Andrew Collinson

Dear Mr Brown,

Proposed: Outline planning permission for development of land within Use Class B2 (general industry), Use Class B8 (storage and distribution) and Use Class E(g)(iii) (light industrial), and ancillary infrastructure and associated works, development of overnight lorry parking facility and ancillary infrastructure and associated works. Details of access submitted for approval in full, all other matters reserved.

Location: Land On The North East of J10 M42 Dordon/A5, Polesworth

ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMENT

Thank you for your consultation. Following pre-application discussions with this office an agreed programme of evaluative archaeological fieldwork comprising a geophysical survey and trial trenching has been undertaken across this site.

The principal objective of the evaluation was to determine the character, date, extent and significance of any archaeological deposits which may survive across the site and to provide sufficient information to allow an informed and reasonable planning decision to be reached with respect to the archaeological implications for this scheme. Reports detailing the results of the fieldwork have been submitted with this application^{[1][2]}

Whilst the geophysical survey did not identify any magnetic anomalies, other than ploughing trends and former field boundaries, which could confidently be interpreted as being archaeological in origin the trial trenching did identify an area of Roman period activity which included a number of enclosure ditches. Pottery evidence recovered from the site suggests activity from the early to mid 1st century and into the second century AD. Also recovered from a single trench was a quantity of tapped slag which is interpreted as a dump of smelted iron waste from a nearby medieval or post-medieval iron production site.

Although I do not wish to object to the principle of development, I do consider that some further archaeological work should be required in order to mitigate the impact of this scheme if consent is forthcoming.

I therefore recommend that, should you be minded to grant consent for this scheme, the following conditions be attached to the consent.

No development shall take place until:

An Archaeological Mitigation Strategy document (including a Written Scheme of Investigation for any archaeological fieldwork proposed) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This should detail a strategy to mitigate the archaeological impact of the proposed development and should be informed by the results of the archaeological evaluation.

The development, and any archaeological fieldwork, post-excavation analysis, publication of results and archive deposition detailed in the approved documents, shall be undertaken in accordance with those documents.

This recommendation conforms to the approach detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework. I would be happy to advise further on the arrangements for such work.

Please contact me if you envisage any problems with this recommendation.

^[1] Gait, A. and O'Connor, S., 2020, *Land at Junction 10 M42, Dordon, Warwickshire: Archaeological Geophysical Survey*, AOC Archaeology Group.

^[2] Glew, P., *M42 Junction 10, Dordon, Warwickshire: Archaeological Evaluation Report*, AOC Archaeology Group.

Yours sincerely



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