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For the Attention of Gary Hancox

Dear Mr Collinson

**Planning Application DC/21/1383/FUL – Social Services, Camps Road, Haverhill: Archaeology**

The proposed development site is located in an area of archaeological potential recorded on the County Historic Environment Record (HER), on a suburban street within the medieval and historic core of Haverhill (HER ref no. HVH 067). The saxon and medieval church of St Botolph lay to the west (HVH 005). The Camps Road frontage may represent an early street and settlement focus. There is potential for the presence of archaeological deposits at this location, and any groundworks associated with the proposed development have the potential to damage or destroy any archaeological remains that may exist.

There are no grounds to consider refusal of permission in order to achieve preservation *in situ* of any important heritage assets. However, in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (Paragraph 205), any permission granted should be the subject of a planning condition to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage asset before it is damaged or destroyed.

In this case the following two conditions would be appropriate:

1. No development shall take place within the area indicated [the whole site] until the implementation of a programme of archaeological work has been secured, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The scheme of investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and:

- a. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording.
- b. The programme for post investigation assessment.
- c. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording.

- d. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation.
- e. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation.
- f. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- g. The site investigation shall be completed prior to development, or in such other phased arrangement, as agreed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

2. No building shall be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed, submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under Condition 1 and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition.

**REASON:**

*To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development, in accordance with Policy HC9 of Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016, Policy CS2 of St Edmundsbury Core Strategy 2010 and the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).*

**INFORMATIVE:**

*The submitted scheme of archaeological investigation shall be in accordance with a brief procured beforehand by the developer from Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service.*

I would be pleased to offer guidance on the archaeological work required and, in our role as advisor to West Suffolk District Council, the SCC Archaeological Service will, on request of the applicant, provide a specification for the archaeological work required at this site. In this instance, a trenched archaeological evaluation will be required to establish the potential of the site and decisions on the need for any further investigation (excavation before any groundworks commence and/or monitoring during groundworks) will be made on the basis of the results of the evaluation. Evaluation could be undertaken prior to demolition of buildings on the site and will assess the impact of past land use.

Further details on our advisory services and charges can be found on our website: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/archaeology/>

Please do get in touch if there is anything that you would like to discuss or you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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