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For the Attention of Charlotte Waugh

Dear Ms Baker

**PLANNING APPLICATION - DC/16/0473/OUT – Development Land Brickfields Drive
Haverhill Suffolk: ARCHAEOLOGY**

The proposed development site is located in an area of archaeological potential recorded on the County Historic Environment Record (HER). A hoard of Bronze-Age metalwork (WTH 012) was identified by metal detecting to the west of the proposed development site. This area was further investigated in advance of development, producing evidence for Bronze-Age occupation (WTH 011). The discovery of a Roman cemetery (WTH 001) is recorded from antiquarian sources, to the south-east. Finds of Prehistoric (WTH 004), Roman (WTH 004, WTH 023) and Medieval (WTH 023) date have been recorded from the vicinity.

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. In accordance with paragraph 141 of the *National Planning Policy Framework*, however, 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 (used together) 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 (2012)

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, Conservation Team.

I would be pleased to offer guidance on the archaeological work required and, in our role as advisor to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, the Conservation Team of SCC Archaeological Service will, on request of the applicant, provide a specification for the archaeological investigation so that estimates of costs and time can be obtained from contractors. In this instance, a geophysical survey, followed by 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. Further information on our services and costs can be found on our website:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/culture-heritage-and-leisure/suffolk-archaeological-service/>

Yours sincerely

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