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For the Attention of Rona Hopkinson

Dear Ms Dell

**PLANNING APPLICATION SE/09/1283 - LAND AT NORTH WEST HAVERHILL:
ARCHAEOLOGY**

This proposal affects a very large area (43 hectares) and is located in an area of archaeological importance, recorded in the County Historic Environment Record (HER).

An adequate area archaeological assessment has been undertaken of the proposed development and the results have been incorporated in the application. The recommendations relating to Archaeology and Cultural Heritage are supported by the investigative work. In particular, we welcome the retention of the existing track, which is a surviving element of the historic landscape, within the proposed scheme.

I am satisfied that archaeological investigation can be secured by a standard PPG 16 condition (as stated in Section 9.6, Environmental Statement Volume 1). Any permission granted should, however, be the subject of a PPG 16, paragraph 30 condition, to ensure that an adequate record is made of any archaeological features or finds which would otherwise be destroyed by development:

“No development shall take place within the area indicated [the whole site] until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.”

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Archaeological mitigation will be required, as outlined in Section 9.6.1 of the Environmental Statement Volume 1:

- Archaeological evaluation along the route of the western part of the Relief Road.
- Area excavation followed by assessment, analysis and reporting.

I would be pleased to offer guidance to the applicant 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 each stage of this work.

Yours sincerely

Archaeological Officer
Conservation Team