HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO: Jason Hawkes	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land North of Horsham, Old Holbrook, Horsham, West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Approval of details reserved by condition 22 to approved application DC/16/1677
REFERENCE:	DISC/24/0063
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / **No Objection** / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: **The amended Written Scheme submitted to complete archaeological evaluation of Phase 2a area is acceptable and so condition 22 can be partially discharged in order to enable the fieldwork to take place and the development of an appropriate mitigation strategy.**	

MAIN COMMENTS:

The applicants have submitted an amended Written Scheme of Investigation for the archaeological trial trench evaluation of development parcel 2 prepared by Thames Valley Archaeological Services (TVAS). The document incorporates the results of geophysical survey work on the northern part of the site in 2023 that has necessitated the re-positioning of some of the trial trenches and so replaces the original Written Scheme approved under DISC/23/0124.

The southern area of the site, consisting of 102 trial trenches out of 104 that were originally planned, was evaluated by TVAS in August/September 2023 under the existing WSI. The trenches revealed four isolated pits and a gully, all were undated although one of the pits was interpreted as a charcoal clamp. The majority of anomalies identified by geophysical survey appeared to be Post-Medieval/Modern and the strong anomalies recorded adjacent to the Scheduled Monument proved to be evidence of recent rubbish disposal. Due to the lack of significant archaeological features, no further archaeological investigations are required for this area.

The northern area was not available for investigation at the time due to a standing crop and it is the evaluation of this northern area that is addressed by the amended Written Scheme. I can confirm that the amended Written Scheme of Investigation is acceptable and so condition 22 can be partially discharged in order to enable the fieldwork to take place and the development of an appropriate mitigation strategy if required.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

N/A

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DATE:	3/5/2024