



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO: Sophie Moore	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land At 509354 126590 Hilland Road, Billingshurst, West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4ii to approved DC/25/1937
REFERENCE:	DISC/26/0041
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The applicants have submitted an acceptable Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for a Programme of Archaeological Mitigation works prepared by Thames Valley Archaeological Services. The WSI sets out a programme of detailed archaeological excavation and post excavation works that will ensure that the significant archaeological remains recorded during the previous trial trench evaluation will be preserved by record and the results made available to the public. In order to secure the investigations and post excavation and publication work, part ii of the condition should no be fully discharged at this stage.	

MAIN COMMENTS:

The applicants have submitted a revised Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for a programme of archaeological mitigation works following an initial trial trench evaluation of the site by Thames Valley Archaeological Services.

The evaluation trenching revealed significant archaeological remains dating from the Roman to post medieval periods. The features consisted mainly of pits and shallow ditches with sparse finds recorded. Although features were recorded in all but two of the nine excavated trenches, there appears to be a slight concentration of artefacts in the southern part of the site where four pits and a ditch in trench 8 and a spread of material in trench nine suggests a focus for the Roman period activity and so an excavation area encompassing these trenches is proposed.

I can confirm that the mitigation area that is identified is appropriate and the works set out in the WSI will ensure that the archaeological remains will be properly excavated and recorded to appropriate professional standards in advance of their loss.

I have no objection to development now commencing elsewhere on the site, but as there is a need to ensure the programme of post excavation work can be secured following the completion of the on site work, I advise that part ii of the condition should not be fully discharged until a post excavation report has been submitted that sets out the results of the work together with proposals for analysis and dissemination of the results.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

N/A

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