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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 the results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation that demonstrates that parts of the site contain significant archaeological remains and so further work is required. The scope of this work should be set out in a supplementary Written Scheme of Investigation (Archaeological Specification) for a programme of archaeological mitigation work. The archaeological condition should remain in place so that the mitigation works can be secured	

MAIN COMMENTS:

The applicants have submitted the results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation that demonstrates that the site contains significant archaeological remains. The report, prepared by Thames Valley Archaeological Services, reveals that archaeological features were present across the site 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 activity and so archaeological mitigation work in the form of a strip, map excavation within the southern third of the site would be appropriate to record the archaeological remains in advance of their loss.

A specification for this work and the required post excavation assessment and reporting should be submitted in a supplementary Written Scheme of Investigation to be agreed in advance of the work. As the significant archaeology appears to be concentrated within the southern third of the site, I have no objection to development works commencing outside of this area once an acceptable mitigation scheme has been agreed.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

N/A

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