Horsham District Council

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO: Matthew Porter	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land North of Glebe Farm and Kings Barn Lane, Kings Barn Lane, Steyning, West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Approval of details reserved by condition 9(i) (archaeological fieldwork scoping) to approved application DC/21/2233 (Outline for up to 265 dwellings, demolition of No. 37 Kings Barn Lane. All matters reserved except for vehicular access from A283).
REFERENCE:	DISC/25/0083
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / **No Objection** / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation prepared by Archaeology South East is acceptable but as the work has not yet been carried out the condition (9) should not be fully discharged at this stage.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The applicants have submitted a Written Scheme of Investigation (Archaeological Specification) for a programme of trial trench evaluation at this site. The document has been prepared by Archaeology South East on behalf of RPS Consulting and the work will involve the excavation of eighty five trial trenches located across the site in two phases in order to examine the nature, extent and significance of archaeological deposits. The work supplements twelve evaluation trenches previously excavated following a geophysical survey that suggest that archaeological remains are present on the site. I can confirm that the proposed scheme of work is acceptable from the archaeological point of view and that I have no concerns towards the investigative work now taking place on the site.

When satisfactory details of the results of the work have been received, I will be in a position to recommend the most suitable way for the application to proceed from the archaeological viewpoint. As this may include the need for further archaeological work to investigate and record remains encountered during the evaluation, the archaeological condition (9) should remain until a report has been received and any mitigation works that may be required identified.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: **The partial requirements of the condition have been satisfied, as the Council's consultant Archaeologist is satisfied with the content of the submitted Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation (WSI). The archaeological fieldwork should be implemented in accordance with the WSI. The archaeological site investigation and post investigation assessment will require submission to and subsequent approval by the Local Planning Authority.**	
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DATE:	28/3/2025