HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO: Matthew Porter	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Duckmoor Farm, Wooddale Lane, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DZ
DESCRIPTION:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 8 (Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation) to planning permission DC/20/2607 (83 residential units, landscaping, access, parking and associated infrastructure).
REFERENCE:	DISC/25/0034
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / **No Objection** / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation prepared by Archaeology South East is acceptable but as the work has not yet been carried out the condition (8) 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 and the work will involve the excavation of twenty-two trial trenches located across the site in order to examine the possibility that significant archaeological deposits may be present. 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 (8) 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:	24/2/2025