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Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the creation of commercial buildings under Use Class B2 and B8

Location: Land South Of High Street Sparkford Yeovil Somerset

For the attention of: David Kenyon

Dear David

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

A Geophysical Survey carried out on an adjoining site indicates that there is potential archaeology on this site. The remains appear to represent prehistoric and/or Romano-British field systems. Recent investigations on the A303 widening at Sparkford close to this site have revealed a number of features relating to the Neolithic period that were not evident on any geophysical survey. Therefore, it is likely that as well as the field system other archaeological features will be impacted by this proposal. Based on current information it is likely that any archaeology will be of local significance and so impacts can be mitigated through investigation and recording.

For this reason I recommend that the developer be required to archaeologically investigate the heritage asset and provide a report on any discoveries made as indicated in the National Planning Policy Framework (Paragraph 205). This should be secured by the use of the following conditions attached to any permission granted.

"Programme of Works in Accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (POW)

Before the commencement of the development hereby permitted the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, shall have secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) which has been submitted and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The WSI shall include details of the archaeological excavation, the recording of the heritage asset, the analysis of evidence recovered from the site and publication of the results. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme."

Please get in touch if you require any further information.

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