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**Our Ref CNF48395**

Dear Sir or Madam,

**FUL/2024/0022 Norwich Western Link Road**

Thank you for directly consulting Norfolk County Council Environment Service historic environment specialist advice team regarding the above-mentioned application.

We have previously had sight of most of the documents submitted with the application. Pre-determination archaeological evaluation by geophysical survey and trial trenching has taken place across large parts of the application area. There is potential for previously unidentified heritage assets with archaeological interest (buried archaeological remains) to be present within the current application site and that their significance would be affected by the proposed development.

If planning permission is granted, we therefore ask that this be subject to a programme of archaeological mitigatory work in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (2023), Section 16: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment, para. 211.

A range of archaeological mitigatory work will be required. The Written Scheme of Investigation submitted with the application is different from that agreed with the applicant at pre-application stage. In addition, the Geoarchaeological Deposit Model (Environmental Statement, Chapter 8, Appendix 8.5) identifies the need for a purposive geoarchaeological borehole survey, a mitigation not included in the Written Scheme of Investigation submitted with the application.

We suggest that the following conditions are imposed:-

A) No demolition/development shall take place until an archaeological written scheme of investigation (WSI) has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and 1) The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording, 2) The programme for post investigation assessment, 3) Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording, 4) Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation, 5) Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation 6) Nomination of a competent person or persons/organization to undertake the works set out within the written scheme of investigation and 7) any further project designs as addenda to the approved WSI covering subsequent phases of mitigation as required.

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B) No demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the written scheme of investigation approved under condition (A) and any addenda to that WSI covering subsequent phases of mitigation.

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C) The development shall not be put into first use until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the archaeological written scheme of investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision to be made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.

A brief for the archaeological work can be obtained from Norfolk County Council Environment Service historic environment strategy and advice team. We charge applicants for the elements of our involvement in planning cases not covered by our service level agreements with local planning authorities.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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