

MEMORANDUM

From:	Built Heritage Officer	Service:	Green Infrastructure
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Application No.	260094	Site Visit Made:	No
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Address:	Finchwood Park, Sheerlands Road, Arborfield, RG40 4QY.
Proposal:	Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent (250819) dated 31/3/2025. Condition 6 (Landscape Management Plan), 10 (EV Charging), 11 (Air Source Heat Pumps), 12 (Noise Impact Assessment) and 13 (WW2 Pill Box) – Parcel 13.
Relevant built heritage condition text.	Condition 13. (WW2 Pill Box) Notwithstanding the details submitted, prior to first occupation of the residential dwellings, details are to be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority the following details: a) Measures to ensure members of the public cannot gain access into the ‘pill box,’ whilst remaining accessible for ecology. b) Details for the interpretation panel for the ‘pill box’ that is to include: i) Details on the size, form and finish of the interpretation panel; ii) Details to be shown on the interpretation panel (i.e. text and/or pictures); iii) Position for the ‘pill box’ interpretation panel. Measures to secure the ‘pill box’ from public access shall then take place in accordance with the details as approved and prior to the occupation of the housing on the site

Summary Of Recommendations

Further information required , which is found to be acceptable, before it can be recommended to discharge in full condition 13 of 250819.

Comments

With reference the Wessex Archaeology document submitted for this condition identifies measure to secure the historic WW2 local defensive structure in stating (para. 3.5.1) it is ‘recommended that the loopholes are secured with grilles to prevent litter or other debris entering and a locked door installed across the entrance.’ That said there is however no actual details as to how this would be achieved in a manner that would not damaging to the structure. As such further details are expected to be provided as to the actual manner the pillbox is to be achieved.

Whilst with respect to the intended interpretation panel, although the proposed location for it is indicated on an annotated aerial photograph with the document.

Additionally, there is an image provided of the seemingly suggested lectern frame or though the dimensions and finish do not appear to be stated.

Whilst the text/graphics for interpretation panel are considered to be acceptable if as suggested this would be at A1 in size.

As such whilst the information in principle is considered acceptable however further clarification on the actual mean to secure the pillbox are required along with dminison and finish of the interperation panel lectern.

Date:	19/02/26	Signed:	Keith Frost Built Heritage Officer
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