

## **243188 Hall Farm/Loddon Valley SDL CONSULTATION RESPONSE from Berkshire Archaeology**

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***Scoping Opinion application to determine the content of an Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed development of the Site to deliver around 3,930 dwellings together with associated infrastructure (to include internal roads / internal and external access points. landscaping, site wide flood alleviation and surface water drainage and other required infrastructure). New link road over the M4 motorway to Lower Earley Way; new junctions and potential highway upgrades to existing routes. Phased expansion of the Thames Valley Science and Innovation Park (around 100,000m2). New neighbourhood and district centres (retail, leisure, sports, cultural, health and service facilities); and associated education facilities to include primary and secondary school provision. Provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, landscaping to include a country park***

Thank you for consulting Berkshire Archaeology re the above application.

We have reviewed the documents submitted with this application, including the EIA Scoping report and welcome, and are in agreement with, the statement of intent (8.1.2) that archaeology should be scoped in, including an initial Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (8.2.25).

It is likely more than one phase of archaeological works will be required and therefore we urge the applicant's archaeological consultant to contact us at an early stage to discuss our requirements.

We are happy to deal with the archaeology outside the EIA process, but this should be pre-determination so that the results of any investigations may be used to inform the development design.

Please note, Berkshire Archaeology only consider the below ground archaeology, the Built Heritage Statement also referred to in the EIA Scoping Report should be sent to the LPA Conservation Officer.

Kind regards

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