

252379 Parcel N, Arborfield Green - consultation response from Berkshire Archaeology

Many thanks for consulting us on this reserved matters application. We have the following comment with regard to archaeological issues:

This development parcel has already undergone archaeological evaluation (trial trenching) and a satisfactory report has been submitted under the condition on the outline application. We noted at the submission of the report that archaeological features had been identified that were likely to require further investigation, and subsequently confirmed this to the applicant's consultant (August 2024). The work required to characterise and record any archaeological assets prior to development impacts is of course dependent on the nature and scale of ground disturbance, but is likely to be limited in scope as parts have the site can be eliminated on the basis of the trial trenching results.

We therefore recommend that a condition requiring a scheme of archaeological work is attached to any consent for the reserved matters; we would be happy to advise on suitable wording for the condition, and discuss the scope of works further with the applicants consultant in order to ensure a proportionate response.

I trust this suits but of course please do get back to us if you have any questions about these recommendations

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