

Many thanks for consulting us on this reserved matters application.

The area of this proposed development is covered by the archaeological condition on its outline consent O/2014/2280 requiring that an archaeological evaluation be carried out, and the results of the evaluation be submitted as part of reserved matters for each parcel of the wider redevelopment. It appears from the submission documents that the applicant has not commissioned an evaluation for parcel S, although a desk-based assessment is included. This document mentions proposed consultation with Berkshire Archaeology but this has not taken place. The planning statement submitted also mentions a written scheme of investigation (presumably outlining proposals for evaluation) but this document does not appear to have been submitted

In the absence of a fieldwork evaluation, we are unable to advise on whether archaeological assets could be affected by the proposed redevelopment. We would therefore recommend that a trial trenching exercise is carried out as soon as possible, to inform on the potential impact on archaeological assets, and that the applicant's archaeological consultant contacts us as soon as possible to discuss their proposals for this

I trust this suits but as always please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions regarding these recommendations

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