[redacted]

From: Lu Speariett <Lu.Speariett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 April 2025 14:40
To: Lucy Pateman
Cc: Control, Development (Planning)
Subject: 25/80087/COND| Former Car Showroom London Road St Ives - Archaeology

Categories: [redacted]

25/80087/COND|Discharge of condition 36 (Archaeology) of 18/02726/FUL| Former Car Showroom London Road St Ives PE27 5EZ

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for the consultation with regards to the discharge of the archaeological condition 36 of the above referenced planning application. An archaeological evaluation has now been undertaken at the site illustrating very good sub surface survival of what we believe to be the remains of the 't' shaped retort building for the historic gas works that once occupied the site. The evaluation identified a number of internal walls as well as several surfaces indicating stratified phasing of the building. Unfortunately due to contamination it was not possible to excavate these layers within the confines of the evaluation trench due to contamination including suspected asbestos. The Historic England guidance on Gasworks and Redundant Gasholders issued in 2019 states, '*The highest priority should be afforded to sites, structures and archaeological deposits relating to the earliest phase of the manufactured gas industry in England between the construction of the Gas Light & Coke Company's first gasworks in Westminster in 1812 and the passing of the Metropolitan Gas Act of 1860*' . In order to fully understand the remains of the former gasworks and mitigate them by record an area of archaeological investigation by excavation is required, and we are awaiting a Written Scheme of Investigation for this phase. This will require demolition of the buildings on site.

At this stage we would recommend the condition is retained in full to secure the mitigation of the gas works.

Kind regards
Lu

Lu Speariett
Archaeological Officer

Cambridgeshire County Council

Historic Environment Team
Place and Sustainability
Cambridgeshire County Council
Email: Lu.Speariett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

HET has high caseloads at present. We apologise for delays in response times.
For urgent planning related enquiries, please also contact archaeologydc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Our service charges are being reviewed and will rise from the 1st of April- these will be accessible here

The information in this email could be confidential and legally privileged. It is intended solely for the addressee and they will decide who to share this email with (if appropriate). If you receive this email by mistake please notify the sender and delete it immediately. Opinions expressed are those of the individual and do not necessarily represent the opinion of Cambridgeshire County Council. All sent and received email from Cambridgeshire County Council is automatically scanned for the presence of computer viruses and security issues. Any personal data will be processed in line with the Data Protection legislation, further details at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/privacy Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk