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I am writing in regards to the archaeological potential of the above referenced planning application.

Our records indicate that the development lies in an area of **high** archaeological potential. Archaeological investigations undertaken at Alconbury Hill have revealed evidence ditched enclosures and extensive finds of a Roman date (Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record reference. MCB15885). Further archaeological work undertaken at Alconbury Hill have found remains of Roman buildings, including dressed stone, tesserae, hypocaust fragments and Roman roof tile from a multi phased building (CHER ref. MCB32048). Iron Age to Roman enclosure systems are known from cropmarks to the north (CHER ref. MCB29755) as well as to the adjacent east (CHER ref. MCB29756 and MCB29757) and adjacent south-west (CHER ref. MCB29758) of the development area itself.

Due to the archaeological potential of the site a further programme of investigation and recording is required in order to provide more information regarding the presence or absence, and condition, of surviving archaeological remains within the development area, and to establish the need for archaeological mitigation of the development as necessary. Usage of the following condition is recommended:

Archaeology Condition
No demolition/development shall commence until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has implemented a programme of archaeological work, commencing with the evaluation of the application area, that has been secured in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) that has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no demolition/development shall take place other than under the provisions of the agreed WSI, which shall include:

a. The statement of significance and research objectives;

b. The programme and methodology of investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works;

c. The timetable for the field investigation as part of the development programme;

d. The programme and timetable for the analysis, publication & dissemination, and deposition of resulting material and digital archives.

REASON: To safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any demolitions or groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely preservation and/or investigation, recording, reporting, archiving and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development, in accordance with national policies contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (DLUHC 2023).

Informatives:

Partial discharge of the condition can be applied for once the fieldwork at Part c) has been completed to enable the commencement of development.

Part d) of the condition shall not be discharged until all elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI.

A brief for the recommended programme of archaeological works is available from this office upon request. Please see our website for **CHET service charges**

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind Regards

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