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Dear Olivia

26/01983/FUL – Barn At Elysian Fields Church End Little Catworth

Thank you for your consultation regarding the archaeological potential of the above planning application.

Our records indicate that the development lies in an area of high archaeological potential, the bounds of the Shrunken Medieval Village of Little Catworth. Little Catworth was a Domesday village, listed as of being formed of seven houses in the early medieval period. To the adjacent east of the site, and continuing into the development area itself, well preserved medieval earthworks survive, indicating the presence of trackways, enclosures (Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record refence. 00699) and later 17th century burials (CHER ref. 00841). The medieval settlement earthworks continue westwards, and appear to the west of Little Catworth farm (CHER ref. 00699). Further medieval earthworks and cropmarks indicate that the development area was bounded in all directions by medieval ridge and furrow cultivation (CHER ref. 08719 and 09827). The barn set for demolition is dated to the 19th century, appearing on mapping dating back to at least 1887. Historic mapping also indicates a dovecote was present within the development area at this time, however much of the historical context of these remains are now lost.

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. The archaeological program will also include provision for **recording of the current barn** on site. Usage of the following condition is recommended:

Archaeology Condition
1. No demolition/development shall commence until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work within the development area in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority or their Archaeological Advisers on their behalf. The pre-commencement aspects of archaeological work should include:
1a) Submission of a Written Scheme of Investigation that sets out the methods and timetable for the investigation of archaeological remains in the development area, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authority archaeological brief, including a strategy for a museum based or other display of selected evidence.
1b) Completion of mitigation fieldwork in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation.

2. The post-fieldwork sections of the archaeology programme shall be fully implemented in accordance with the timetable and provisions of the approved Written Scheme of Investigation. This stage of the programme can occur after the commencement of development:
2a) Completion of a Post-Excavation Assessment report and an Updated Project Design for the analytical work to be submitted for approval within nine months of the completion of fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Local Planning Authority;
2b) Completion of the approved programme of analysis and production of an archive report; submission of a publication synopsis and preparation of a publication report to be completed within 18 months of the approval of the Updated Project Design, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Local Planning Authority;
2c) The programme and timetable for the deposition of the physical archive in the Cambridgeshire Archaeological Archive Facility or another appropriate store approved by the Local Planning Authority and deposition of the digital archive with the Archaeology Data Service or another CoreTrustSeal certified repository within 1 year of completion of part 2b).

Reason: To secure appropriate mitigation measures and to conserve the interest of the historic environment evidence in compliance with Chapter 20 of the NPPF.
Informative: Developers will need to ensure that the timetable for the archaeology programme (including field- and all post-fieldwork stages) is included within the proposed timetable of the development programme. Each stage of the two conditions can be discharged as they are completed to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority's Archaeological Advisers at Cambridgeshire County Council.

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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