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### **Specialist Archaeological Advice**

Dear Dominic,

#### **5/2022/2443- Bricket Wood Sports And Country Club, Paintball Site & Bricket Lodge Lye Lane Bricket**

Thank you for consulting St Albans Archaeological Advisors regarding the above planning application for up to 115 houses and associated works.

The Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record shows no known archaeology within the site, however, this is more a result of no work having occurred in the immediate area. Immediately to the west of the application area lies a range of archaeological deposits identified in the area of the M25 junction. These include excavations which identified Mesolithic to Bronze Age occupation (HHER 9757), Late Iron Age and Roman kilns and field system (HHER 31450), Roman timber buildings (HHER 31451), and a Roman Road (HHER 4579). The presence a moat located at Burston Manor probably has its origins in the medieval period. It is possible that further settlement of this date will be identified in the vicinity.

### **Recommendations**

#### **1. Archaeological Investigation**

No development-related works shall take place within the site until a written scheme of archaeological work (WSI) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This scheme shall include a programme of initial trial trenching followed by open area excavation, followed by off-site work such as the analysis, publication, and archiving of the results, together with a timetable for completion of each element. All works shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the approved scheme, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This must be carried out by a professional archaeological/building recording consultant or organisation in accordance with the agreed written scheme of investigation.

**Reason:**

To ensure adequate opportunity is provided for archaeological research on this historically important site. To comply with Policy 111 of the St Albans District Local Plan Review 1994 and the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 205. To ensure the appropriate identification, recording and publication of archaeological and historic remains affected by the development.

## **2. Publication and Dissemination**

Following the completion of the fieldwork and the post-excavation assessment in Condition 1, appropriate resources will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority for the post-excavation project generated by the archaeological WSI in Condition 1. This will include all necessary works up to and including an appropriate publication and archiving and will include an agreed timetable and location for that publication.

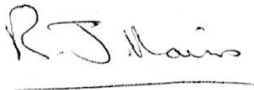
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The archaeological work would comprise a programme of initial trial trenching over the site followed by open area excavation on those areas shown to contain significant archaeological deposits.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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*NOTE : This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter*