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Dear David

**Re: Outline permission for the erection of up to 100 dwellings, with all matters reserved except access | Roundhouse Farm, Land Off of Bullens Green Lane, Colney Heath**

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**

Thank you for consulting us.

An *Archaeology and Heritage Assessment* report by The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd has been submitted by the applicant with this planning application. This notes that the site is 5.1ha in size. An appendice includes a geophysical survey of the site. This notes that several anomalies have been recorded which may represent archaeological features (section 4). The parts of the site which did not record any anomalies have not been investigated to verify if this represents an area devoid of archaeological remains. In Hertfordshire sites above 1ha in size are normally found to contain archaeological remains.

With the above in mind we believe that this development should be regarded as likely to have an impact on significant heritage assets with archaeological interest, some of which may be of sufficient importance to meet NPPF, para. 139. This could represent a significant constraint on development.

At present, not enough information is available to determine whether remains of such importance are likely to be present.

Therefore, we recommend that the following investigations should be undertaken predetermination (NPPF, para. 128) to describe the type, scale, and quality of heritage assets likely to be affected by the proposal:

1. an archaeological trial trenching evaluation.

An informed decision can then be made with reference to the impact of the proposal on the historic environment. Where archaeology is identified, but does not meet NPPF, para. 139, an appropriate level of archaeological mitigation can then be secured by negative condition (NPPF, para. 141).

We have been in contact with The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd who are the applicant's archaeological consultants and agreed an archaeological trial trench location plan. It is anticipated that they will commence with these trial trenches very soon.

I hope that you will be able to accommodate the above recommendations

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,



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