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Date: 23rd June 2022

Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

**UTT/22/1474/PINS Land East Of Parsonage Road, And South Of Hall Road
Takeley**

PINS reference: S62A/22/0000004

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor on the above application.

The proposed development lies within an area where extensive archaeological evaluation has already been undertaken during the proposed development of Stansted G2 comprising trial trenching over the majority of the area. This has shown extensive archaeology in the area comprising Prehistoric, Roman and medieval occupation which is described in the submitted desk based assessment. The most significant archaeology comprises prehistoric settlement evidence identified in the trial trenching extending over part of the development area. The submitted desk based assessment identifies these deposits but does not consider any way in protecting these as part of the development. On a number of solar park sites discussions have led to changes in construction design to minimise or in most cases virtually remove the need for ground disturbance in areas of archaeological significance. This has not occurred to date on this application and therefore the following recommendation is being made to ensure appropriate recording of the archaeological deposits where required.

The following recommendation is in line with the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 205.

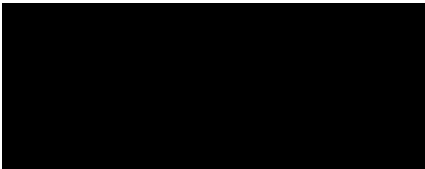
RECOMMENDATION: An Archaeological Programme of Archaeological Investigation

- 1. A mitigation strategy detailing the excavation/preservation strategy shall be submitted to the local planning authority.**
- 2. No development or preliminary groundworks can commence on those areas containing archaeological deposits until the satisfactory completion of fieldwork, as detailed in the mitigation strategy, and which has been signed off by the local planning authority through its historic environment advisors.**
- 3. The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post-excavation assessment (to be submitted within three months of the completion of fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post-excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication report.**

A recognised professional team of archaeologists should undertake the work. The District Council should inform the applicant of the archaeological recommendation and its financial implications. An archaeological brief can be produced from this office detailing the work required.

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 specialists in relation to this particular matter.