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Hi both,

Thank you for your request for comments on the above application. The first phase of trial trenching has now been completed and an interim report has been produced. The work carried out to date has identified a significant amount of archaeology that will require mitigation as part of the development, though a second post-consent phase of trenching will help to refine mitigation areas and requirements.

Area 1 (the northern portion of the site) contained an area (1A) of possible prehistoric activity that contained an un-urned human cremation. This is unlikely to be isolated and there is potential for further cremated human remains and associated activity in the vicinity. Area 1B contains evidence of robbed-out Roman buildings and other associated activity potentially of more than one phase. The trenching in this area was very limited. Area 1C contains probable Iron Age activity which is likely domestic in nature. In the southern part of the site area 2A contained an inhumation cemetery of uncertain date along with enclosures and an alignment of post-holes that indicated multi-phase activity. The current extent of the cemetery is unknown and it is likely there are further inhumations in the area. A series of enclosures of unknown date and purpose was present in area 2B, and other features in the southern part of the site include a possible kiln and a large undated ditch. There is also evidence of later extraction activity across parts of the site that complicates the interpretation of earlier features.

The work carried out has demonstrated there is multi-phase archaeological activity across large parts of the application site and there is still considerable risk of encountering complex or significant archaeological remains that could have knock-on effects to time frames, budgeting etc. There will clearly be mitigation requirements for the site, and the options for these will be informed by a second phase of trenching. Mitigation may include, but not be limited to, preservation in-situ, monitoring of groundworks, alternate construction techniques and excavation (preservation by record).

Recommendation

If permission is granted, I recommend there be a planning condition for an Archaeological Mitigation Strategy to effectively deal with this site. This will comprise a phased approach of investigation, to include the second phase of trenching, followed by archaeological mitigation work.

The following condition wording is based on current guidance from the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers:

Part 1

No development or demolition shall take place until an Archaeological Mitigation Strategy for the protection of archaeological remains is submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The mitigation strategy will include appropriate Written Schemes of Investigation for evaluation trenching and provision for further mitigation work. These schemes shall include the following:

1. An assessment of significance and proposed mitigation strategy (i.e. preservation by record, preservation in situ or a mix of these elements).
2. A methodology and timetable of site investigation and recording
3. Provision for site analysis
4. Provision for publication and dissemination of analysis and records
5. Provision for archive deposition
6. Nomination of a competent person/organisation to undertake the work

The scheme of archaeological investigation must only be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the preparation and implementation of an appropriate scheme of archaeological mitigation in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Part 2

The archaeological site work must be undertaken only in full accordance with the approved written schemes referred to in the above Condition. The applicant will notify the Local Planning Authority of the intention to commence at least fourteen days before the start of archaeological work in order to facilitate adequate monitoring arrangements. No variation shall take place without prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made for the investigation, retrieval and recording of any possible archaeological remains on the site in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Part 3

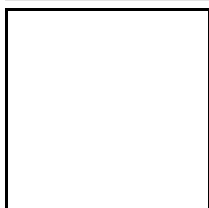
A report of the archaeologist's findings shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Historic Environment Record Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council within 3 months of the works hereby given consent being commenced unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and the condition shall not be discharged until the archive of all archaeological work undertaken hitherto has been deposited with the County Museum Service, or another public depository willing to receive it.

Reason: In order to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made for the reporting, archiving and dissemination of the results of the investigation in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.

I hope this is helpful, if you have any questions please do get in touch,
All the best
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