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Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation Request F/22/93160 4 Brookfield Providence Hill Burseldon

Dear Ms Martin,

Planning Application Consultation Request F/22/93160 4 Brookfield Providence Hill Burseldon

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the archaeological desk based assessment, which I would endorse to you and which I have now had the opportunity to read. Having reviewed the available archaeological data, including aerial photographs, historic maps the assessment concludes that the conditions at the site due to past impacts are 'moderately poor' (para 9.3.3). Although the prehistoric archaeological potential is described as low to moderate (para 9.5.3) it also concludes that the likelihood of encountering such remains are remote, albeit cannot be discounted. Para 9.6.1 describes the archaeological potential to encounter Roman remains as low. Medieval potential is described as low to moderate but with stray finds more likely that features.(para 9.8.2). Although the post medieval potential is described as higher, the research agenda (what we might learn as a result of archaeological intervention) is lower (para 14.2). Para 14.3 indicates that the impact on such remains as might be encountered could be mitigated by a programme of archaeological work secured by a condition.

I note that the archaeological potential is very limited, and this is in great part a reflection of the fact that in two adjoining development areas archaeological survey ahead of development found very little in the way of archaeological evidence. Whilst the desk based assessment indicates very limited archaeological potential it does acknowledge that encountering some archaeological remains cannot be discounted. I suspect it is for this reason that some archaeological mitigation is put forward. However I am very aware that two archaeological surveys already carried out close by failed to raise our understanding of a higher archaeological potential and whilst I agree that encountering archaeological remains cannot be ruled out I am inclined to the view that the level of archaeological potential as is currently understood would not 'reasonably' merit the imposition of the burdens of an archaeological condition.

On that basis I would not raise any archaeological issues,

Yours sincerely

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