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Good morning Dawn, see below, my response of 22/1/2024. Sincerely, David

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**Sent on:** Monday, January 22, 2024 2:17:24 PM  
**To:** Errington, Dawn <Dawn.Errington@Eastleigh.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning application F/23/96527 Solar Farm at land between Allington Manor Farm, Roddington Forge and Chalcroft Farm, Allington Lane, West End

Dear Ms Errington,

Planning application F/23/96527 Solar Farm at land between Allington Manor Farm, Roddington Forge and Chalcroft Farm, Allington Lane, West End

Thank you for your consultation. I would draw your attention to the submitted Heritage Statement that includes archaeological matters. The review of the archaeological evidence concludes that area has a low archaeological potential, that is there is a low potential to encounter archaeological remains that are as yet unrecorded. Some targeted trial trenching (also known as an evaluation) is suggested in relation to the few known features, but that further archaeological mitigation 'to be at the discretion of the (planning authority's archaeological advisors)', but that these might be at a post determination stage as secured by an archaeological condition. I cannot fully endorse their conclusions.

The discussion about the archaeological potential relies on the available local archaeological data of the immediate landscape, but given the location of the site immediately adjacent to the location and on the flanks of the Itchen valley, the archaeological potential of the site is better model by reference to the archaeology of the Itchen Valley. In my view the valley and its flanks has a good potential for archaeological remains of Roman date, Roman sites having been found within the valley, and therefore I would recommend that the archaeological mitigation is more developed than that implied by the submitted assessment.

I recommend that an archaeological condition, or conditions, are attached to any planning permission which might be issued. This should secure the archaeological evaluation of the existing known archaeological heritage assets, as currently recommend in the submitted Heritage Statement, in addition I recommend area of key impact as well, such as access and compounds, are targeted. Where the solar arrays are to be installed by small scale ground fixing I do not feel that there is a useful mitigation to that, but I would recommend that an archaeological watching brief is maintained on areas of ground impact such as access roads and the larger cable runs.

Yours sincerely

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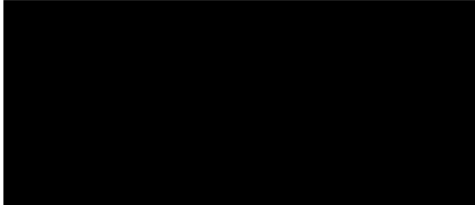
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Good Morning

We have consulted you on the above planning application and would be grateful for your response. Please send comments to [planning@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:planning@eastleigh.gov.uk)

Kind regards

Dawn

## **Dawn Errington**

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