

Botley Fields O/18/83698 – Discharge of Condition 15 (Archaeology)

Supporting Statement

1.1 Archaeological Work

- 1.1.1 Condition 15 was attached to planning permission for planning application O/18/83698. This condition secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological investigation, ahead of each phase of development:

‘No development shall take place in each phase until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation and recording for that phase which has first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the archaeological interest of the site is properly safeguarded and recorded.’

- 1.1.2 A phased approach to the archaeological investigations was agreed. With archaeological evaluation (trial trenching) being undertaken, to be followed by archaeological mitigation, where required. The archaeological work for Botley Fields was undertaken alongside archaeological works required for the development of Botley Bypass, as they fell within the same fields.
- 1.1.3 An archaeological evaluation undertaken in 2020 covering both Botley Fields Site and the proposed course of Botley Bypass – Evaluation WSI (Doc A) and the Archaeological Evaluation Report (Doc B) attached. For the purposes of the evaluation, the Botley Fields site is referred to as Area 3.
- 1.1.4 The evaluation report demonstrates that only one trench within Area 3 identified archaeological remains requiring further work (Trench 76). However, this trench fell within the proposed route of Botley Bypass.
- 1.1.5 A programme of archaeological mitigation was undertaken in 2022, which incorporated the archaeological remains identified in the Trench 76 – Mitigation WSI (Doc C) and Post-Excavation Assessment Report (Doc D).
- 1.1.6 All archaeological work that was required within the Botley Fields development site (as it relates to O/18/83698), has been completed, with no identified areas for further investigation. As such, there should be no objection to the discharge of Condition 15 of application O/18/83698.

1.2 Submitted Documents

- Document A - Areas 2 – 5 Botley Bypass and Uplands Farm Botley Hampshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Evaluation (Wessex Archaeology 2020)
- Document B - Areas 2–5, Botley Bypass and Uplands Farm Botley, Hampshire: Archaeological Evaluation Report (Wessex Archaeology 2020)
- Document C – Botley Bypass Botley Hampshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Excavation (Wessex Archaeology 2022)



- Document D - Botley Bypass Botley Hampshire: Post-excavation Assessment and Updated Project Design (Wessex Archaeology 2022)