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Our Ref: HoEC/EC3210/SM/DT/CST5434 Your Ref: SMD/2016/0051

15 February 2016

Dear Mr. Cleary,

**Land adjacent to 10 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton**

Based on the demonstrable historic and archaeological potential in the area of Cheddleton, this application has been assessed in the light of information held on the Staffordshire Historic Environment Record (SHER). The Historic Assessment submitted in support of this reserved matters application has reviewed the historic landscape character (Conservation Area) and the historic built environment considerations of the scheme but does not address below ground archaeological potential. The scheme lies within the historic core of Cheddleton (*Celetone*), a settlement recorded at Domesday (1086) (PRN 02411). During the medieval period it appears that agriculture and limited resource extraction were the primary economic drivers at Cheddleton. However, towards the end of the medieval period and into the post medieval period the valley developed an important industrial function with water power fuelling a growing number of milling ventures. The SHER records an 18<sup>th</sup> century paper mill (PRN 04845) and a silk mill (PRN 03258) close to the proposed scheme as well as evidence for lime kilns, and tanning within the wider area. The SHER also records a number of timber framed post-medieval buildings within the heart of Cheddleton along with at least one 17<sup>th</sup> century farmstead (PRN 13291) which has become subsumed within the village as it expanded. The growth of industries along the valley sides resulted in the development of the Caldon Canal (1777) and subsequently the North Staffordshire Railway (1849) close to Cheddleton during this period. A review of available historic mapping for the area points to a series of structures within the development area during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The purpose of these structures is not recorded although their location close to the Caldon Canal might suggest an industrial function.

While it is not considered that there is the potential for nationally important remains to be present on this site, there is demonstrable potential for significant archaeological remains

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to be encountered, particularly associated with Cheddleton's later industrial development. It is therefore advised that a staged archaeological evaluation be undertaken in advance of groundworks. The results of this evaluation will inform the need for and scale of any subsequent archaeological mitigation (i.e. watching brief, excavation). These works must be undertaken by an archaeological organisation employing appropriately experienced staff. The organisation should comply with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) Code of Conduct, with the CIfA standard and guidance for 'Archaeological Evaluations' (2014) and with any Brief prepared by the SCC Historic Environment Team. This approach is supported by NPPF para 128, while any works which stem from the evaluation works are supported by NPPF 141.

This work may be satisfactorily secured via a condition attached to any planning permission for the scheme. This condition should read:

*'Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a written scheme of archaeological investigation ('the Scheme') shall be submitted for the written approval of the District Planning Authority. The Scheme shall provide details of the programme of archaeological works to be carried out within the site, including post-excavation reporting and appropriate publication and interpretation. The Scheme shall thereafter be implemented in full in accordance with the approved details.'*

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Declan,

Please find attached an archaeological advice letter regarding the proposed scheme on land adjacent to 10 Cheadle Road, Cheddleton (SMD/2016/0051). I am aware that there are potential historic built environment sensitivities associated with this scheme; as you will see from my letter, I do not consider similarly potentially contentious issues where below ground archaeological remains across the site are concerned. I would be happy to discuss this further with you should you wish it.

Kind regards

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