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Sent: 27 September 2018 12:39
To: Planning (SMDC)
Subject: RE: External Consultation Letter - App ref DET/2018/0029

Good afternoon,

Thank you for consulting Staffordshire County Council's Historic Environment Team with regards to this application. I'm not sure whether you are aware that the County Council have recently instituted a new consultation procedure? This procedure came into force on 1st May 2018 and our intention to commence this was circulated to Development Team Managers in March this year. In short we are now only providing advice on archaeological matters on a cost-recovery basis. There are two ways of achieving this and our preferred method requires the developers to contact us directly to provide pre-application advice on the archaeological implications of any proposed development. Further information is available for developers on our website https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/eLand/planners-developers/HistoricEnvironment/Historic-Environment-Advice-and-Guidance/Historic-Environment-Advice-and-Guidance.aspx. For this they will receive a 'certificate' which provides them with advice as to whether further archaeological mitigation will be required or whether we would advise that a condition be applied to any planning permission granted. This 'certificate' would then form part of the planning application package to be submitted to yourselves, which will include the recommended condition wording where applicable. This has replaced the former system where we responded to planning applications once they had been validated.

Alternatively we can provide advice directly to yourselves, but again this would need to be on a cost-recovery basis. Our costs at present (to be reviewed annually) are £52 +VAT per hour. This would be recovered through pre-existing payment procedures between the two councils.

If you have any further queries or if you would like me to proceed with the consultation to yourself, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Shane

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Please note that from the 1st May 2018 Staffordshire County Council's Historic Environment Team is introducing a charged-for pre-application advice service for developers and a charged-for curatorial service for archaeological contractors. For more details about these changes to our service please see https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/eLand/planners-developers/HistoricEnvironment/Historic-Environment-Advice-and-Guidance/Historic-Environment-Advice-and-Guidance.aspx