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Conditions 16 of SMD/2023/0197 – Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation Report

Dear Arne

This letter accompanies an application to fully discharge condition 16 of the consented scheme SMD/2023/0197.

Condition 16 states:

“No development shall take place until: a scheme of archaeological site investigation work has been implemented in full in accordance with the written scheme of archaeological investigation submitted with the application; and post-fieldwork assessment has been completed in accordance with the approved written scheme of archaeological investigation and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of the results and archive deposition has been secured.

Reason: To protect and record archaeological interests.”

The condition was partly discharged by the LPA on 10 July 2024, approving the portion related to a scheme of archaeological site investigation work. Following this, the written scheme of investigation (WSI) has now been implemented for the condition to be fully discharged.

The enclosed Trial Trench Evaluation Report was produced by Archaeological Research Services Ltd (ARS Ltd.) and was informally approved by the Staffordshire County Archaeologist on 24 January 2025 to facilitate the implementation of the approved WSI. The report assesses the presence or absence of archaeological remains that may be affected by the proposed development and, where possible, establishes their significance.

The application is accompanied by the following report:

- Archaeological Evaluation, Report 2025/003 produced by ARS Ltd., 17.01.2025

The applicant considers these materials to be sufficient in meeting the requirements set out by the Council for addressing the written scheme of investigation as set out by the condition.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Yours Sincerely,

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