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Subject: DMPA/2019/0948 Axis 50 (Formerly known as Burnaston Cross), Land at Etwall Road, Willington, Derby. Outline application for the erection of up to 100,000sqm of commercial floorspace (use classes B2 (general industrial) etc - archaeology

Dear Chris,
Thank you for consulting on the above planning application.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement including a chapter on Archaeology (Chapter 9). This draws on the results of archaeological desk-based assessment of the site and a geophysical survey (the geophysical survey is referred to in the ES chapter and I have seen the original report, although it does not seem to have been submitted among the application documents). These reports provide sufficient information (NPPF para 189) to allow an informed determination to be made

The site is within an area of high archaeological sensitivity with dense cropmark complexes relating to prehistoric and Romano-British activity, and numerous records of Palaeolithic artefacts recovered from gravel workings (in other words, from secondary contexts within reworked gravels). The Egginton Common and Etwall gravel terraces are the most prolific source of such artefacts in the county.

The applicant's archaeological desk-based assessment shows that the northern two-thirds of the site has been subject to gravel extraction, and therefore retains no archaeological significance. The southern part of the site is comparatively undisturbed and the geophysical survey shows remnant ridge and furrow as well as groups of features which might represent archaeological remains, though not suggesting a high level of complexity. This archaeological potential is best addressed through a conditioned scheme of archaeological work to secure investigation and recording at a post-consent stage in line with NPPF para 199. This would involve an initial stage of evaluation to ground-truth the geophysical survey, establish the character and importance of the geophysical targets, and to assess the potential for Palaeolithic artefacts. In the event of significant findings there would then be a second phase of work to fully record the relevant deposits and areas before the commencement of development.

The following conditions should therefore be attached to any planning consent:

"a) No development shall take place until a Written Scheme of Investigation for archaeological work has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing, and until any pre-start element of the approved scheme has been completed to the written satisfaction of the local planning authority. The scheme shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and

1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
2. The programme for post investigation assessment
3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
4. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
5. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organization to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation"

"b) No development shall take place other than in accordance with the archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (a)."

"c) The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the archaeological Written Scheme of

Investigation approved under condition (a) and the provision to be made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured."

Regards

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