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Your contact is: Julie Williams, Planning

Dear Kieran,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application Reference: 181852

Application type: Approval of Conditions

Address: Elvian School 61 Bath Road Reading RG30 2BB

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition by condition 59 Archaeology. (Full planning permission reference 151175)

I refer to your application as described above.

Condition 59 Archaeology states:

No development shall take place, including any demolition, within either the residential or the school development site until the applicant, or their agents or their successors in title, has secured and implemented a programme of archaeological work in relation to either the residential or school development site (which may comprise more than one phase of work) in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only take place in accordance with the detailed scheme approved pursuant to this condition.

A report titled "An early to middle iron age settlement at the former Elvian School, Reading, Berkshire" has been produced by Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd.

This has been considered by the Council's Archaeology Officer who has confirmed that this document (TVAS Occasional Paper 27) is a good report that details the results of the excavation of an Early to Middle Iron Age (600 - 200 BC) settlement at the former School and is a significant addition to Reading's archaeological record.

However he noted that the agreed programme of archaeological work (TVAS WSI, dated 12th May 2016) also provided for the deposition of the project archive with Reading Museum (Para. 6.2) but no information has been provided with this application on the status of the archive.

The Museum has limited space and it is essential that archives are deposited in a timely fashion so that the Museum can manage its storage space as effectively as possible, as well as the fact that this is a requirement of the approved written scheme of investigation. The deposition of the archive with Reading Museum secures it as a publicly accessible resource in accordance with Para. 141 of the NPPF. Clarification was therefore sought on the status of the archive and confirmation that the archive has been deposited or that there was an agreed timetable for deposition with the Museum to enable the full discharge of Condition 59 of permission 151175.

TVAS's Archives Officer was able to explain "The archive is not yet deposited. There are some items of metal work which will need x- raying before the museum will accept the archive and unfortunately it is very unlikely the conservator will be able to fit this in before the end of the year. However, the museum has already agreed to take the archive once it is correctly prepared so it will then just be a case of arranging a deposition date which is convenient for them. I will contact the conservator this week and once I have an idea of how long the x-raying will take I can arrange a deposition date with the museum which will then enable the condition to be discharged".

You have now confirmed that an agreed a date of July 19th 2019 has been arranged with Reading Museum for deposition of the Elvian School archive. On the basis of this commitment I have been advised that I can confirm the full discharge of the archaeological condition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julie Williams", enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

Julie Williams
Area Planning Manager