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To: Planning Application Comments
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 24/00403/FUL

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10/07/2024 1:52 PM from Mr William Kelly (william.kelly@leics.gov.uk) on behalf of LCC Archaeology - Historical And Natural Environment Team.

Application Summary

Reference:	24/00403/FUL
Address:	The Market Bosworth School Back Lane Market Bosworth Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0JT
Proposal:	Construction of a new multi-use sports area, extension of car-park, upgrade to grass pitch and associated works
Case Officer:	David Spring

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Comments Details

Dear David,

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Archaeological considerations

Comments:

Following appraisal of the above development scheme, we recommend that you advise the applicant of the following archaeological requirements, for a desk-based Assessment (DBA) including a particular consideration of the extent and nature of previous ground disturbance within the site.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the application site lies within an area of archaeological interest. Test pitting in 2017 c. 220m to the northeast of the site identified prehistoric flints suggesting Neolithic/Bronze Age activity in the vicinity (HER Ref.: MLE29116) in addition to Saxon pottery indicating early post-Roman activity north of the medieval settlement (MLE29117). Further test pits c. 210m to the west recovered 8 flint flakes and a sherd of prehistoric pottery also dated to the Neolithic/Bronze Age periods (MLE29105). Roman activity has also been identified in the wider landscape including the scheduled remains of a Roman villa c. 230m to the northeast (NHLE Ref.: 1005476). There is therefore a potential for prehistoric

buried remains to be present within the application area, with an additional potential for Roman and Saxon remains.

We note the comments within the submitted Design & Access Statement (D&A) that outlines historic disturbance within the site. The location proposed for the MUGA is noted to have been previously rubble-filled with material from an old canteen building. The proposed Pitch 5 area also appears to have been subject to disturbance through levelling and reseeded in 2011. The DBA should include consideration of any available geotechnical data (such as reviewing the 2024 trial pit results) that could help inform our understanding of the historic alterations to the site, outlining the extent of previous ground reduction and determine the depth of artificially deposited material present.

The D&A also outlines how the proposals will incorporate both cut and fill areas for the playing field re-modelling and MUGA platform. Given the uncertainty regarding how the proposals will affect any buried remains within the application area, further assessment is therefore required to determine the archaeological implications of the proposals. We would therefore recommend that in addition to providing an assessment of the HER data, the DBA should clarify the extent of previous disturbance to the site, the likelihood of survival for any buried remains present, and the impact on these remains that would be introduced through the proposals (including consideration of the proposed drainage strategy).

The preservation of archaeological remains is, of course, a “material consideration” in the determination of planning applications. The proposals include operations that may destroy any buried archaeological remains that are present, but the archaeological implications cannot be adequately assessed on the basis of the currently available information. Since it is possible that archaeological remains may be adversely affected by this proposal, we recommend that the planning authority defer determination of the application and request that the applicant complete an Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposals.

This will require provision by the applicant for:

1. An Archaeological desk-based Assessment

This information should be submitted to the planning authority before any decision on the planning application is taken, so that an informed decision can be made, and the application refused or modified in the light of the results as appropriate. Without the information that such an Assessment would provide, it would be difficult in our view for the planning authority to assess the archaeological impact of the proposals.

Should the applicant be unwilling to supply this information as part of the application, it may be appropriate to consider directing the applicant to supply the information under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Applications) Regulations 1988, or to refuse the application. These recommendations conform to the advice provided in DCLG National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 16, paras. 194 & 195).

Should you be minded to refuse this application on other grounds, the lack of archaeological information should be an additional reason for refusal, to ensure the archaeological potential is given future consideration.

The Historic & Natural Environment Team (HNET), Leicestershire County Council, as advisors to the planning authority, will provide a formal Brief for the work and approve a Specification for the Assessment at the request of the applicant. This will ensure that the necessary programme of archaeological work is undertaken to the satisfaction of the planning authority, in a cost-effective manner and with minimum disturbance to the archaeological resource. The Specification should comply with relevant Chartered Institute for Archaeologists “Standards” and “Code of Practice”, and should include a suitable indication of arrangements for the

implementation of the archaeological work, and the proposed timetable.

Information on suitable archaeological organisations to carry out this work can be obtained from HNET. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

William

Kind regards