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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 31/07/2024 10:49 AM 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 recently submitted Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (DBA submitted 24/07/2024), we recommend that you advise the applicant of the following archaeological requirements, for pre-determination geophysical survey and trial trenching.

The submitted DBA has identified a high potential for prehistoric buried remains to be present within the site, including a potential for Bronze Age burial activity. This potential is raised within the west of the site, which lies closer to the location of a suspected Bronze Age barrow mound (HER Ref.: MLE2928). The assessment includes consideration of historic disturbance within the site, concluding that levelling activities and the construction/demolition of the canteen building within the east of the application area has likely resulted in the truncation of any buried remains present, although the west of the site is likely to be undisturbed.

Given the potential for archaeological remains to be present within the site,

particularly for further Bronze Age funerary activity, it is our view that further evaluation is needed in order to provide the baseline archaeological information that is necessary in order to make an informed planning decision here. Considering the potential for earlier prehistoric flintwork, as indicated by the results of nearby test pitting undertaken as part of the 2017 Bosworth Links Project, the evaluation should include provision for 'hand riddling' of overburden.

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:

- A field evaluation, by appropriate techniques including geophysical survey and trial trenching, to identify and locate any archaeological remains of significance, and propose suitable treatment to avoid or minimise damage by the development. Further design, civil engineering or archaeological work may then be necessary to achieve this.

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