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**Subject:** FW: Planning Application Consultation for application 20250802  
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Dear Amanda,

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential and the application has been made with an archaeological desk-based assessment (HCUK 2025). The document helpfully sets out the presently known and recorded heritage information for the site and surrounding area. It is recognised that there has been a lack of recent archaeological research in the area and whilst a relatively low potential rating has been given for most archaeological periods from the prehistoric to the medieval period, this may well reflect the lack of recent archaeological research in the area. To understand the below-ground archaeological interest of the site more fully, field evaluation in the form of a geophysical survey and archaeological trial trenching will be required. If there is time for this work to be undertaken before a decision on this Outline application is made, that would be ideal and in accordance with the NPPF. If that is not possible then the following condition should be applied to any forthcoming Outline consent:

Before the submission of a Reserved Matters Application and before any development shall take place the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, will have secured the implementation of

- i. archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and
- ii. following on from the evaluation, any safeguarding measures to ensure preservation in situ of important archaeological remains and/or further archaeological investigation and recording in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded and that any Reserved Matters Application is supported by the results of archaeological field evaluation, comprising of a geophysical magnetometer survey and archaeological trial trenching.

Yours sincerely

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Please refer to the attached Consultation Document for reference 20250802 at Blackthorn Farm.

Regards,  
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