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Your Ref: 70222
Date: 20th December 2023

Dear Helen,

Archaeological Consultation: 70222 – Erection of 57 no. dwellings, the retention of a chimney and the demolition of 3 existing buildings, together with engineering operations to create a development platform, public car park, substation, public open space, landscaping, drainage, the layout of internal estate roads and footways and other associated works – Former Mondi/Holcombe Mill, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 0BS

The application is now supported by a revised Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (ARS Ltd Report 23/174, 10/12/23), which provides methodologies and a strategy of archaeological investigation that is appropriate to the site, and in line with comments supplied by GMAAS on the 28th November 2023.

GMAAS is happy to approve the WSI and suggest that the archaeological condition can be revised accordingly:

A programme of archaeological works will be undertaken in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (ARS Ltd Report 23/174, 10/12/2023) approved by GMAAS in December 2023 and submitted as part of the planning application. The WSI covers the following:

- 1. A phased programme and methodology of investigation and recording that includes:**
 - i - archaeological building survey (HE Level 1-2)***
 - ii – targeted archaeological trenching and strip-map-sample evaluation***
 - iii - informed by the above, more detailed targeted excavation and/or development watching brief(s) (subject of a new WSI).***
- 2. A programme for post investigation assessment to include:**
 - i - analysis of the site investigations records and finds***
 - ii - production of a final report on the investigation results.***
- 3. Deposition of the final report with the Greater Manchester Historic Environment Record.**
- 4. Dissemination of the results commensurate with their significance.**
- 5. Provision for archive deposition of the report and records of the site investigation.**
- 6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the approved WSI.**



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Reason: In accordance with NPPF Section 16, Paragraph 205 - *To record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible.*

The work should be undertaken by a suitably experienced and qualified archaeological contractor, funded by the applicant, and in accordance with guidance provided by GMAAS who would also monitor the implementation of the works on behalf of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely,



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