

Mr J James,
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13 November 2025

Dear Jonathan,

FOREST GATE SOLAR FARM, LAND AT FOREST GATE, PEWSHAM, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 3RS

**APPLICATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS
RESERVED BY CONDITION 5(B) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION PL/2021/06112 IN RESPECT OF
AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

I hereby submit the above planning application, which comprises the following documentation:

- Completed Application Form;
- Planning Application Fee of £298;
- This Letter;
- Location Plan; and,
- Archaeological Management Plan.

Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 5

Condition 5 attached to planning permission PL/2021/06112 states as follows:

"No development shall commence within the area indicated by application PL/2021/06112 until:

- a) A written programme of archaeological investigation, which should include on-site work and off-site work such as the analysis, publishing and archiving of the results, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and*
- b) The approved programme of archaeological work has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.*

REASON: The matter is required to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority before development commences in order to enable the protection of any matters of archaeological interest."

Assessment

Part (a) of the planning condition was approved by the authority on 8 October 2025 under reference PL/2025/07449. Approved details included a written scheme of investigation for trial trenching (field on the west side of London Road), the archaeological evaluation report and earlier email correspondence with Eden, which confirmed the Assistant County Archaeologist (Tim Havard) is content for us to use concrete feet in the three areas of the Site (east side of London Road) where he originally required additional archaeological investigations in the form of Strip, Map & Record (SMR), if we also commit to providing (and following the requirements of) an Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) in those areas.

The same approach has subsequently been agreed with Tim Havard in a small area within the field on the west side of London Road where a suspected cremation with human remains (bone fragments) truncated by an electricity cable owned by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) was found. In total, four areas within the Site will utilise concrete feet; they are referred to as Archaeological Sensitive Areas (ASAs) within the AMP.

The decision letter for planning application PL/2025/07449 states that *"...the applicant should note that a full discharge of the condition will require the completion of the monitoring work and preparation of a report on the results is required to be submitted to Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service (WCAS) for review and approval (as required by part (b) of the condition)."* But this is no longer required given no additional programme of archaeological work is being carried out; instead the AMP has been prepared to protect the four ASAs within the Site.

Tim Havard reviewed and agreed to the principle of the submitted AMP on 12 November 2025. A minor amendment was made to para 3.4 to satisfy a request by Tim. On this basis, it is hoped that the AMP can now be formally approved.

Conclusion

Given the submitted details satisfy the Assistant County Archaeologist, it is respectfully suggested that the submitted AMP is approved and Condition 5 is fully discharged.

Yours sincerely,



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