

**P/FUL/2024/04613 – Redevelopment for erection of retirement living accommodation, etc, Land to Rear of 156-172 South Street, Bridport**

For the attention of Penny Canning

Dear Penny

Thanks for consulting me on the archaeological implications of this proposed development.

The application is accompanied by an archaeological desk-based assessment, written by Ecus Ltd. Although dated August 2024, most of the text seems to have been written in March. It refers to a report on geotechnical investigations at several locations in a way that I find confusing.

In particular, in paragraph 4.3.5 it refers to consulting me on the results of the recent geotechnical investigations. Elsewhere there is reference to the potential for buried remains of industrial archaeological significance and for earlier environmental evidence and I believe the implication is that the geotechnical investigations will clarify the potential for such remains.

I would have expected the archaeological desk-based assessment to have been updated in the light of the geotechnical investigations, thus providing a clear explanation for anyone interested of how the proposed works might impact on below-ground archaeology.

My own impression from looking at the results of the geotechnical investigations is that the proposed development probably would not have a significant impact on below-ground archaeology, but I would have preferred to see this matter considered properly within the archaeological desk-based assessment.

Best wishes

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