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Archaeological Comments: 20/1276/HH 16 Leicester Road Narborough - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extensions (including replacement conservatory)

Dear Lloyd,

Thank you for your consultation on the above planning application. In line with our advice given in respect of earlier applications for this site, we recommend that the applicant is advised of the following archaeological requirements.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the application site lies in an area of high archaeological interest, within the designated Conservation Area and historic medieval and post-medieval settlement core of Narborough village. The affected building at 16, Leicester Road, is a Grade II listed, nationally important designated heritage asset (NHLE ref: 1307509; HER Ref MLE111110), and is a mid-18th century house with outbuildings that were partly used as a framework knitters workshop. To the north-west is the 15th century Church of All Saints and to the north was previously a medieval house, evidence of which was revealed in 1973 during the demolition of Bell View Cottages. A 10th century stone hog-back tombstone was found in the adjacent garden to the west, indicating that the church is likely to have much earlier origins.

The current scheme proposes the construction of an extension to the north end of an historic range of former outbuildings (included in the listing), the latter recorded as having been used as a framework knitting workshop. In addition, internal alterations are proposed within the outbuilding range. The existing plan and design and access statement indicate the outbuilding have been previously converted to residential use, although the proposals will result in a change of scale and character to the outbuildings, the former historic footprint now forming part of an extended range. Historic mapping and aerial photographs indicate that the application site has remained largely undisturbed since at least the 19th century, and therefore has the potential to contain buried archaeological remains relating to the medieval and post-medieval settlement.

The villages of Leicestershire and the wider English Central Midlands, appear to have evolved alongside their open field systems, during the later 1st millennium AD. Buried archaeological evidence, constituting one or more as yet unidentified heritage asset(s) (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Section 16, paragraph 189-190 and Annex 2), spanning the period from the earliest evolution of the village to its more recent past can be expected within the development area. Consequently, there is a likelihood that buried archaeological remains will be affected by the development.

In accordance with the NPPF (Section 16, paragraph 199), the Local Planning Authority should require a developer to record and advance the understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance. We therefore recommend that the planning authority require the applicant to complete an appropriate level of building recording (photographic survey), prior to commencement of works, in accordance with guidance produced by Historic England (Understanding Historic Buildings: A guide to good recording practice, HE 2016).

Additionally, the development proposals include works (e.g. foundations, services, road construction, water attenuation, landscaping) likely to impact upon archaeological remains. To ensure that any archaeological remains present are dealt with appropriately, the applicant should provide professional archaeological Attendance for inspection and recording during the groundworks for the proposed development. A contingency provision for emergency recording and detailed excavation should be made, to the satisfaction of your authority in conjunction with your archaeological advisors in this Department's Historic & Natural Environment Team (HNET). HNET will provide a formal Brief for the required work at the applicant's request.

If planning permission is granted the applicant must obtain a suitable written scheme for the investigation and recording for each phase of archaeological work from an archaeological organisation acceptable to the planning authority. This should be submitted to HNET, as archaeological advisors to your authority, for approval before the start of development.

The Specifications should comply with the above mentioned Briefs, with this Department's Guidelines and Procedures for Archaeological Work in Leicestershire and Rutland and with relevant Institute for Archaeologists Standards and Code of Practice. It should include a suitable indication of arrangements for the implementation of the historic building recording, and the proposed timetable for the development.

We therefore recommend that any planning permission be granted subject to the following planning conditions (informed by paragraph 37 of Historic England's Managing Significance in Decision-Taking

in the Historic Environment GPA 2), to safeguard any important archaeological remains potentially present:

1. No demolition/development shall take place/commence until written schemes of investigation (WSI Historic Building Photographic Survey and Archaeological Attendance) have been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSIs, no demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI, which shall include the statement of significance and research objectives, and;

☐ **The programme and methodology of historic building survey/site investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works**

☐ **The programme for post-investigation assessment and subsequent analysis, publication & dissemination and deposition of resulting material. This part of the condition shall not be discharged until these elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI**

Reason: To ensure satisfactory archaeological investigation and recording

The Written Schemes of Investigation (WSI) must be prepared by an archaeological contractor acceptable to the Planning Authority. To demonstrate that the implementation of this written scheme of investigation has been secured the applicant must provide a signed contract or similar legal agreement between themselves and their approved archaeological contractor.

The Historic and Natural Environment Team, as advisors to the planning authority, will monitor the fieldwork and results of the analysis, to ensure that the necessary programme of historic building survey is undertaken to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

Please will you ensure a copy of the Decision Notice is sent to us in due course, to enable us to continue to monitor and safeguard the archaeology of this site. Should you or the applicant have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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