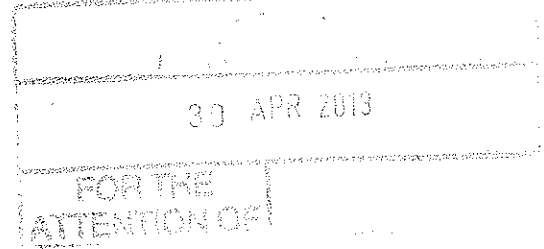## Jane Tucker

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Sent: 30 April 2013 10:48

To: Jane Tucker

Subject: Higher Standen Hey (3/2012/0942)

Jane,

The new information does not alter LCAS' position regarding the need for further conditioned archaeological works to be undertaken on the site, but for the avoidance of doubt I shall take this opportunity to state our position in detail.

The results of the geophysical surveys (Jan & Aug 2012) has demonstrated that there are surviving below-ground and upstanding remains of the Roman road recorded as crossing the site. In addition to these remains, the surveys have also encountered potential evidence for other archaeological features on the site, and which will therefore need to be subject to further archaeological investigation.

As has been previously recommended, the upstanding earthwork remains of the Roman road will require recording in the form of a topographical survey, and this area should therefore be removed from the development so as to enable the road to be preserved in situ. Where the line of the Roman road is known to survive as a below-ground feature, it will, where it is affected by the proposed development, need to be excavated and recorded.

As to the other previously unknown features of potential archaeological interest, they will need to be the subject of further archaeological investigation to determine their significance and the potential of the site to contain other features of archaeological interest that have not been picked up by the geophysical survey.

Such works will therefore need to form part of a staged programme of archaeological investigation; topographical survey, evaluation of the Roman road and geophysical anomalies and depending on the results of the evaluation possibly a wider area of the site in order to ensure that 'blank' areas in the geophysical survey are really devoid of archaeological interest, open-area excavation of areas identified by the evaluation as being of archaeological interest. A few standing buildings have been identified as being of historic interest, and they shall need to be recorded prior to any proposed conversion or demolition.

Consequently LCAS would recommend that, as in previous comments, the above works are secured by means of the following condition:

Condition: **No development shall take place on the site until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**

Reason: **To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological importance associated with the site.**

This is in accordance with government guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, para. 141.

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