Appendix A.6
Historic England Letter



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Dear Ms Burd

## TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2012

## Garages adjacent to 25-26 Wolsey Mews, Camden, NW5 2DX

Redevelopment of site to include 2no 2 bedroom houses, with basements, approximately 300m total.

## Recommend Archaeological Condition

Thank you for your consultation received on 18 May 2015.

The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) provides archaeological advice to boroughs in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and GLAAS Charter.

The National Planning Policy Framework (Section 12) and the London Plan (2011 Policy 7.8) emphasise that the conservation of archaeological interest is a material consideration in the planning process. Paragraph 128 of the NPPF says that applicants should submit desk-based assessments, and where appropriate undertake field evaluation, to describe the significance of heritage assets and how they would be affected by the proposed development. This information should be supplied to inform the planning decision. If planning consent is granted paragraph 141 of the NPPF says that applicants should be required to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) and to make this evidence publicly available.





Appraisal of this proposal using the Greater London Historic Environment Record indicates that there is already sufficient information to reach an informed judgment that the development would not cause sufficient harm to justify refusal of planning permission provided that arrangements are made to safeguard the archaeological interest and/or require an investigation to be undertaken to advance understanding of their significance. These safeguards would normally be secured by a condition (or conditions) attached to a planning consent.

In this case I envisage that conserving the archaeological interest would require the following:

## Watching Brief

An archaeological watching brief involves observation of groundworks and investigation of features of archaeological interest which are revealed. A suitable working method with contingency arrangements for significant discoveries will need to be agreed. The outcome will be a report and archive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or assistance. I would be grateful to be kept informed of the progress of this application.

Please note that this response relates solely to archaeological considerations and is without prejudice to the local authority's decision making role. If necessary, Historic England's Development Management or Historic Places teams should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters.

Yours sincerely

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