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Dear Mr Peres Da Costa

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

**Channing Junior School, 1 Highgate High Street, London, N6 5JR**

*Lower ground floor extension to south elevation to provide hall with play area above and extension to the east under existing terrace with alterations to the eastern elevation at lower ground level to provide drama studio and re-provide classroom to existing school; creation of a sports changing room facility at subterranean level adjacent to the existing tennis courts including excavation of existing embankment and glazed single storey entrance structure above at playground level.*

**Recommend Archaeological Condition(s)**

Thank you for your consultation dated 17 January 2018.

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



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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.

The planning application lies in an area of archaeological interest (Archaeological Priority Area) identified for the Local Plan: Highgate..

It is clear from the assessment that due to the topography of the site the impacts would be predominantly from the foundations of the extension at lower ground floor level and the small subterranean pavillion. The review of the geotechnical investigation results is very useful and does seem to suggest that there has been ground raising along the southern side of the existing building in order to provide a level surface for construction.

Overall, I agree with the conclusions and recommendations; that a watching biref during development would be the most appropriate mitigation strategy.

Appraisal of this application using the Greater London Historic Environment Record and information submitted with the application indicates that the development is likely to cause some harm to archaeological interest but not sufficient to justify refusal of planning permission provided that a condition is applied to require an investigation to be undertaken to advance understanding. The archaeological interest should be conserved by attaching a condition as

- Condition      No demolition or development shall take place until a written scheme of investigation (WSI) has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no demolition or development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI, which shall include the statement of significance and research objectives, and
- A. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works
  - B. 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
- Informative      The written scheme of investigation will need to be prepared and implemented by a suitably qualified professionally accredited archaeological practice in accordance with Historic England's Guidelines for Archaeological Projects in Greater London. This condition is exempt from deemed discharge under schedule 6 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

I envisage that the archaeological fieldwork would comprise the following:



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## Watching Brief

A watching brief involves the proactive engagement with the development groundworks to permit investigation and recording 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.

Further information on archaeology and planning in Greater London including Archaeological Priority Areas is available on the Historic England website.

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. If necessary, Historic England's Development Management or Historic Places teams should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters.

Yours sincerely

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