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Dear Mr Diver,

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2019**

Plot 1 St Pancras Hospital 4 St Pancras Way London NW1 0PE

Request for screening opinion for construction of a specialised ophthalmology clinical, research and education facility at St Pancras Hospital site, plot 1.

Archaeology

Thank you for your consultation dated 14 April 2020.

The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) gives advice on archaeology and planning. Our advice follows the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the GLAAS Charter.

NPPF section 16 and the Draft London Plan (2017 Policy HC1) make the conservation of archaeological interest a material planning consideration.

The site does not lie within an archaeological priority area, however the site does lie on the site of the early 19th century St Pancras Workhouse. In England was not unusual for the burials of workhouse inmates to take place within workhouse grounds, however the close proximity of the St Pancras Workhouse to St Giles Burial Ground may mean that the St Pancras workhouse inmates



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were buried within the St Giles burial ground. Unfortunately there is currently no evidence to indicate if this was indeed the case. Therefore, there is a risk that the application site may contain burials.

Any planning application, be it a full planning application or an EIA, should be accompanied by an archaeological desk based assessment. This should aim to identify if the inmates of the St Pancras workhouse were buried within the ground of the workhouse or within the adjacent St Giles Burial Ground.

Archaeological Desk Based Assessment

Desk-based assessment produces a report to inform planning decisions. It uses existing information to identify the likely effects of the development on the significance of heritage assets, including considering the potential for new discoveries and effects on the setting of nearby assets. An assessment may lead on to further evaluation and/or mitigation measures.

The following may also be required if the archaeological assessment identifies that the burial of workhouse inmates was taking place within the application site.

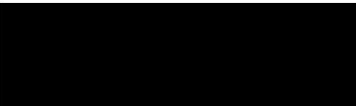
Archaeological Evaluation

An archaeological field evaluation involves exploratory fieldwork to determine if significant remains are present on a site and if so to define their character, extent, quality and preservation. Field evaluation may involve one or more techniques depending on the nature of the site and its archaeological potential. It will normally include excavation of trial trenches. A field evaluation report will usually be used to inform a planning decision (pre-determination evaluation) but can also be required by condition to refine a mitigation strategy after permission has been granted.

You can find more information on archaeology and planning in Greater London on our website.

This response only relates to archaeology. You should also consult Historic England's Development Advice team on statutory matters.

Yours sincerely



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