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For the attention of: Rob Brew

Dear Madam,

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Doe PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE NOTE No.16

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Development at 42-45 Belsize Park & land adjoining 79 Belsize Lane Planning Application No. PWX0103947

Recommendation for a planning condition

I note that a new application has been made to redevelop the above site. We have received drawings and an Archaeological Assessment report prepared by the Museum of London Archaeological Service relating to the previous application (PW9802361). I would be grateful to receive details of the scheme currently proposed.

Although the site does not lie within a designated Archaeological Priority Area, there is the potential for remains of medieval or earlier land use to be present, particularly towards the northeast side of the site where previous development does not appear to have taken place. The proposed development, which includes a basement car park, can be expected to remove and destroy any archaeological features.

Although I would prefer to assess the potential archaeological impact prior to determination, I do not consider it essential. In accordance with our previous advice, I recommend that the archaeological position should be reserved by attaching a condition to any consent granted under this application:

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Condition

"No development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme for investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The archaeological works shall be carried out by a suitably qualified investigating body acceptable to the Local Planning Authority."

Informative

The development of this site is likely to damage archaeological remains. The applicant should therefore submit detailed proposals in the form of an archaeological project design. This design should be in accordance with the appropriate English Heritage guidelines.

It is anticipated that the archaeological monitoring and recording of trial pits would form a suitable method by which to evaluate the presence/absence of archaeological remains and the degree of survival across the site.

It should be noted that this archaeological site evaluation may indicate a need for additional archaeological excavation to investigate, record, and publish any significant remains which are threatened by the development. I will be able to comment on any such need when I have considered the results of the evaluation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need 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 issues.

Yours sincerely

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