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Dear Mr McClue

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

Mount Pleasant - Phoenix Place Development London WC1X 0DA

Discharge of condition 5 part B (site investigation and post investigation assessment following Written Scheme of Investigation (archaeology)) for Phases 1 and 2 only of planning permission 2013/3807/P granted on 30th March 2015 by the Greater London Authority (for new buildings of 5-15 storeys, 345 dwellings, 823sqm of flexible retail and community floorspace and associated works).

Recommend Archaeology Condition to be Satisfied

Thank you for your consultation dated 28 May 2021.

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

I have received an archaeological report provided in compliance with the archaeological investigation condition of the above planning permission.

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I had been consulted prior to the submission of this application on the post-excavation assessment report for the archaeological investigations carried out by Archaeology South-East at Phoenix Place. I am advised by RPS Consulting Services Ltd that the work set out in it has been commissioned.

The excavation revealed a large early 17th century ditch running roughly alongside the Fleet River to the east of site. Wheel ruts were evident along its base meaning that it must have been used as a routeway. In the mid-17th century, a large deep ditch was constructed. This is interpreted as part of London's English Civil War defences and also found in the previous excavation area immediately to the south. It incorporated existing quarry pits as part of its construction and seemed to respect both the earlier 17th century ditch and the River Fleet. The form and location of London's defences during the civil war are surprisingly poorly understood considering their large-scale and strategic importance protecting the capital. This is one of a small number of archaeological investigations to produce remains that can be convincingly ascribed to them.

The latter part of the 17th century was marked by a widespread levelling event then by further quarrying undertaken towards the end of the 17th century. In the 18th century the land may have become more rural before urban development in the 19th century. Some of the remains matched cartographic sources and likely relate to the Royal Mail stable buildings that once existed on-site. These later remains are of lesser significance.

The post-excavation assessment provides an appropriate framework for completing analysis and publication of this project as required by condition 5.

Having considered the submitted document I recommend its approval.

The results of the archaeological investigation will be published and made available through the Greater London Historic Environment Record. The site archive will be deposited with the London Archaeological Archive and Research Centre.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or assistance.

Please note that this response relates solely to archaeological considerations.



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Yours sincerely

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