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Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation: P0672/25/OUT (revised details) - Land N of Carisbrook Rd, Mitcheldean

Dear Emma,

Thank you for consulting us in relation to the additional information submitted. Further to my advice of 3rd July 2025, this includes a report into an archaeological evaluation (Worcestershire Archaeology, dated November 2025). Most of the trenches excavated were either devoid of archaeological remains or contained features of low significance not requiring further investigation. However, Trench 5, towards the west of the site produced evidence of a large spread of iron working waste associated with finds broadly of 13th-15th century date. This is a rare survival of high significance and the evaluation report states that "Documentary sources provide evidence for ironworking at numerous sites in the Forest of Dean during the medieval period; however, archaeological evidence remains scarce, making this site particularly significant". The report also points out a probability that evidence for the furnaces themselves are likely to be buried under the identified industrial waste products. The site therefore has the potential to add very significantly to our understanding of medieval iron production in the Forest of Dean. The area was identified during the preceding geophysical survey as indicating a ferrous spread. Only a very low density of trial trenching has been undertaken to date, and other ferrous spreads identified by geophysics (for example towards the south-east corner of the site) that have not yet been investigated may contain further significant archaeological information.

Therefore I recommend that an appropriate programme of work to further identify significant archaeology and where necessary to excavate and record these archaeological remains should be undertaken prior to development in order to mitigate the ground impacts of this scheme.

To facilitate this work I recommend that a condition based on model condition 55 from Appendix A of Circular 11/95 is attached to any planning permission which may be given for this development, ie;

'No development shall take place within the application site until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation **or** a management plan detailing how archaeological remains will be preserved during and after construction, which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the local planning authority'.

Reason: It is important to agree a programme of archaeological work in advance of the commencement of development, so as to make provision for the investigation and recording of significant archaeological remains. The archaeological programme will advance understanding of any heritage assets which will be lost, in accordance with paragraph 218 of the National Planning Policy Framework (Dec 2024).

Kind regards

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