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Dear Mr Elliott,

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2021**

**807 High Road, Tottenham, London, N17 8ER**

Approval of details pursuant to parts (a) of Conditions 24 (Archaeology 1) and 25 (Archaeology 2) attached to planning permission HGY/2021/0441

**Recommend Amendment of Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation**

Thank you for your consultation received on 2023-03-03.

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

Having considered the submitted document I consider that it requires amendment to accord with relevant standards and guidance and that the following changes should be made before it is approved as being in compliance with the condition:



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The WSI proposes a choice of evaluation approaches, pre and post-demolition, but one is very different from the other and provides a very low level of coverage.

As only one small test pit is proposed in the east of the site (the most likely location of the mediaeval/Tudor inn) in the pre-demolition approach, sufficient information for the LPA to make a decision on further work around this important asset is unlikely to be provided.

The alternative, post-demolition approach in the WSI provides better trench coverage, but needs to ensure that preceeding demolition works do not harm buried deposits beforehand, through grubbing out and remediation.

I recommend that the WSI be amended to detail a single approach and either improve the evaluation coverage in a pre-demolition approach, or detail the satisfactory safeguarding of remains in a post-demolition approach.

In view of the significance of the mediaeval inn that stood on the site and the limited information available on it to inform the planing decision, an evaluation approach that allows for reliable, policy compliant decsion making and for safeguarding of remains until they can be examined is necessary.

Further information on archaeology and planning in Greater London is available on the Historic England website

Once a revised written scheme is approved, the start date when known should be communicated by the archaeological practice to me. I will conduct monitoring visits on your behalf.

The archaeological condition will not be fully satisfied until all works are complete and any post-excavation assessment/analysis leading to publication has been agreed.

This response relates solely to archaeological issues.

Yours sincerely

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