West Sussex County Council Strategic Planning Business Unit

Response to consultation (planning application): ARCHAEOLOGY

TO: Adur and Worthing Councils (FAO Alex Jack, Planning Applications Manager)

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Date received:	18th July 2016
DATE OF RESPONSE:	28th July 2016
APPLICATION No.:	AWDM/1025/16
LOCATION:	20 Victoria Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5LB
PROPOSAL:	Single-storey extension to east elevation to replace existing conservatory

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RECOMMENDATIONS: No objection on archaeological grounds. No archaeological mitigation measures required.

SUMMARY:

- 20 Victoria Road is located within the medieval town centre of New Shoreham, an area where archaeological remains of medieval date should be expected to exist not far below the existing ground surface.
- New ground excavations in previously undisturbed ground – where archaeological levels would be most likely to survive – would be of a small enough scale to involve only minimal new archaeological impact.
- Therefore no objection on archaeological grounds is raised to the proposals and no archaeological mitigation measures are required.

COMMENTS: 20 Victoria Road is located within the historical centre of the planned medieval "new town" of New Shoreham. Victoria Road follows the line of one of the roads of the grid pattern of new streets first laid out in the late 1000s/ early 1100s, together with regularly laid out house plots.

From comparison with records of the nearest known recorded archaeological site, the former Ballamy's Car Showroom (now below Falconers Court), the uppermost level at which medieval archaeological features might survive at 20 Victoria Road may be about 300mm below the surface of the back garden. Ground excavations for new external wall foundations may cut through buried archaeological levels.

Archaeological levels are most likely to survive in previously undisturbed ground. The proposed extension would occupy in part the previously disturbed ground of the footprint of the existing rooms at the back of the house. Overall, new ground excavations would be small enough to involve only very minor new archaeological impact upon any buried medieval remains.

Accordingly the proposals are not considered to require any archaeological mitigation measures.

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