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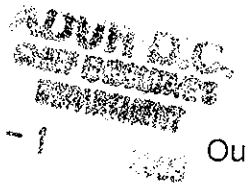

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Dear Mr Hone

Notifications under Circular 01/2001 & GDPO 1995
OLD ERRINGHAM HALL, STEYNING ROAD, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, ADUR, WEST SUSSEX, BN43 5FD
Application No ADC/0285/09

Thank you for your letter of 2 September 2009 notifying us of the application for planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

English Heritage Advice
The application concerns proposals for the construction of two-bay oak-framed building at Old Erringham Hall for use as a garage. The proposed development site lies outside, but immediately adjacent to, the western constraint boundary relating to scheduled ancient monument 29233: Shrunken Medieval Settlement at Old Erringham , and within the visual envelope of Grade II-listed Old Erringham Hall.

Since it technically lies outside the scheduling constraint area, the application would not require an application for scheduled monument consent. However, it is assumed that, in view of the close proximity of the development to the scheduled monument, any ground works entailed in construction would impact an area of high archaeological potential. It is therefore assumed that the local authority archaeologist would wish to secure appropriate provisions for archaeological mitigation in this case by standard planning condition. In this context it is noted that proposed re-use of an existing concrete base slab should minimise archaeological impact.

The proposed construction is based on a form of generic, simple vernacular timber-framed design, which is amply represented in a number of local post-medieval farm buildings. It is unobtrusive in terms of finish, roof height, elevation detail and vertical scale, and therefore broadly appropriate to the setting of the scheduled monument

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and of those listed historic structures comprising the existing shrunken settlement. On this basis of this assessment, and of the limited implications for the buried archaeology of the site, I am supportive of this application.

Recommendation

We would urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. However, if you would like further advice, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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