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1st November 2016

Dear Mr Peck,

FAO Peter Barnett, Development Management, Adur and Worthing Councils

AWDM/1564/16: 38 Southwick Street, Southwick, Brighton, West Sussex

Demolition of existing attached garage and rear extension, construction of single storey side and rear extensions

West Sussex County Council response to consultation: ARCHAEOLOGY

Further to your consultation (Archaeology) of 31st Octover 2016 in respect of the above planning application, please find below West Sussex County Council's comments.

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Planning conditions (Archaeology)

The developer shall afford opportunity for access to the site by the Local Planning Authority's archaeological advisers during the excavations and before their filling with concrete, so that the presence of archaeological features may be noted and brief records may be made.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological interest.

A minimum of 14 days' notice of the commencement date of development shall be given in writing to the Local Planning Authority, for the attention of the Local Planning Authority's archaeological adviser.

Reason: To enable the archaeological adviser to be notified in advance of the development occurring.

Recommendations

No objection on archaeological grounds is raised, subject to low-level archaeological mitigation measures (see below). These measures should be provided for through the use of planning conditions (see above).

Summary

The proposals occupy a small plan footprint, close to a known nationally important Roman archaeological site. In a very small area of this footprint, buried Roman remains may still survive and be newly disturbed by new foundation excavations. Low-level archaeological

mitigation measures are appropriate (notice of works and access to be allowed to the Local Planning Authority's archaeological adviser).

Comments

The footprint of the replacement extensions is located within an Archaeological Notification Area (Grade: Red), covering the known site of Southwick Roman Villa and its close vicinity. The application site lies 50 metres to the south of the main villa building, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, of which the house "Hadrian", on the corner of Southwick Street and Manor Hall Road, occupies the southern part.

Around the Roman villa would have been outbuildings, walls of one of which are known to exist about 40 metres behind the replacement extensions footprint, in the north-western corner of the school playing field behind 38 Southwick Street. On analogy with other Roman villas in West Sussex, there would also have been around the villa areas of refuse pits, the ditches defining Roman fields and paddocks and possibly corn drying kilns. The application site is likely to be located within this villa "curtilage", so that buried archaeological features of Roman date may underlie 38 Southwick Street.

Except at the rear of the new extension footprint, where a small area of new ground would be broken for excavation of foundations, the foundations of the new extensions would largely coincide with existing ones. Buried Roman features, if present, may survive within that small area of new ground.

Because this area is very small, albeit close to a very significant Roman archaeological site, it is suggested that provision should be made, through the use of two planning conditions, for notice to be given to the Local Planning Authority's archaeological adviser of the start of works, and access to the site during building works to be allowed to the archaeological adviser.

The reason for these suggested conditions is to allow opportunity for the archaeological adviser to see the excavated trenches, before they are filled with concrete, and to make brief records of any archaeological features or finds revealed.

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