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)

Cc.: Eve Hearsey, Planning, Adur and Worthing Councils

Date received:	18th July 2016
DATE OF RESPONSE:	28th July 2016
APPLICATION No.:	AWDM/1041/16
LOCATION:	6 Mill Hill, Shoreham-by-Sea, west Sussex, BN43 5TH
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing chimney and proposed two-storey front and side extension

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RECOMMENDATIONS: No objection on archaeological grounds to the proposals. No archaeological mitigation measures are required.

SUMMARY:

- There are no known ancient archaeological sites within the application area.
- Presently unknown buried archaeological features, if present, are likely to have been damaged to some extent previously, during wartime landscaping associated with anti-invasion defences on Mill Hill.
- On the very large scale of the downland's former military landscape to the north of Shoreham, the small footprints of the proposed extensions are not expected to cause any new damage of major significance.
- In conclusion, no objection on archaeological grounds is raised to the proposals. No archaeological mitigation measures are required.

COMMENTS:

The application site is located within an Archaeological Notification (planning) Area ((ANA) scale Amber). The ANA covers a large area of Mill Hill, where a number of archaeological sites of later prehistoric date have previously been reported, together with the below-ground remains of the World War One Shoreham Army Camp and World War Two anti-invasion defences on Mill Hill and Slonk Hill.

During World War Two, the house not yet having been built, the site of 6 Mill Hill appears to have been occupied by hard standings and an anti-glider trench, associated with the anti-invasion defences (from 1946 aerial photography).

On the very large scale of the downland's former military landscape to the north of Shoreham, the small footprints of the proposed extensions are not expected to cause any new damage of major significance.

There are no previously reported pre-War archaeological sites, within or adjoining the application area.

As regards presently unknown buried archaeological features or deposits which may be present here, some damage to these is likely to have occurred during the wartime construction of hard standings. Again, on the landscape scale of downland archaeological sites, the small footprints of the proposed extensions are expected to have a negligible archaeological impact.

In conclusion, no objection on archaeological grounds is raised to the proposals. No archaeological mitigation measures are required.

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