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Land East of Kenilworth Development Brief

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for providing Historic England with an opportunity to consider and respond to the consultation of this draft Development Brief. As you will be aware, during the Local Plan's preparation Historic England were anxious to ensure the allocation for this urban extension resulted in a positive response to the effected heritage assets and their settings (primarily the remains of the former Roman settlement at Glasshouse Wood, a Scheduled Monument), conserving and enhancing their significance in accordance with national policy. We were pleased to see such a commitment included in the Local Plan and it is within this context that our comments are made.

You may also be aware of our engagement with emerging plans from a prospective interest (Planning App ref: W/18/1635) and agreement on a number of issues that I will refer to in this correspondence.

Historic England welcome reference in the Brief to the Scheduled Monument in Glasshouse Wood and the need for development to positively respond to it (paragraph 5, Page 53).

However, to ensure an effective Brief could we suggest the following?

- Could the Brief refer to the need for a detailed Management Plan for the Scheduled Monument to set out the future approach, responsibilities and how management commitments will be secured in the long term? Could the Heads of Terms document that has been agreed with the prospective developer for this site be included in the Development Brief?
- Could the Brief include a greater reference to Glasshouse Wood in the green and blue infrastructure sections of the document (Page 40)?
- An important concern for Historic England is to ensure the Brief provides due consideration of the setting of affected heritage assets. In the case of Glasshouse Wood we were very conscious of the rural landscape setting of the Roman site that would be lost by a modern suburban housing estate, causing harm to the significance of the Scheduled Monument. As



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you know great weight needs to be afforded the conservation of the significance of designated heritage assets. It is therefore essential that a significant open buffer between the development and the Monument is provided including perhaps the relocation of allotments to maximise green space.

- The design response to the Monument must also be carefully considered and appropriately responsive, ensuring for example that development is orientated to face the Monument rather than turn its back on it. The Roman site should be appreciated and enjoyed rather than ignored.
- And finally, a point of particular concern is in relation to, as we understand, a suggestion that a large acoustic barrier between the housing and the dual carriageway is introduced resulting in an 8metre high bund and fence on the perimeter of the Scheduled Monument (between it and the housing), rather than along the edge of the Monument and the road. If this were proposed, Historic England is likely to formally express objection as it would divorce the Monument from its setting and negate the positive efforts initiatives described above. We would recommend the Brief address this matter.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please contact either my colleague Nick Carter, Inspector of Ancient Monuments ([REDACTED]) or myself.

Sincere regards

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