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Sent: 13 December 2021 17:54
To: Michelle Burpoe
Subject: RE: Ducie Street, Manchester - Archaeological WSI - 120149/FO/2018

Hi Michelle

Thank you very much for sharing a draft copy of your Written Scheme of Investigation for the site off Ducie Street. This reads very well indeed and, when consulted by the Case Officer with Manchester City Council, I will be pleased to advise that the WSI fulfils the requirements of the pre-commencement element of the planning condition.

Thanks again, Michelle.

All the best

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Hi Ian

We have drafted a WSI for archaeological works at Ducie Street, based on our earlier conversation about this site. I've attached it here for your comments.

At this stage, we've drafted the WSI with no draft trench plan, but instead have put in a caveat that the WSI will be updated after the drainage works on the watching brief. Likewise, if possible eval trenching works will require open-area excavation, this will also be added via either an addendum to this WSI or a separate WSI.

The drainage works plan (Figure 2) is not finalised at present, so we will update this accordingly once we are able to confirm this.

Do let me know if you have any queries about the above and attached.

Best wishes
Michelle

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Hi Michelle

Thank you very much for your email.

Having glanced rather quickly at the dba, it strikes me that there could be some potential for the foundations of 19th-century buildings of archaeological interest to survive right across the site. As such, my advice would be to maintain a watching brief during the initial drainage works (I'd interpret the 'no development...' part of the condition wording to include drainage works...). More than anything, this initial watching brief might provide a useful indication of the character of below-ground conditions across the site, thereby informing a discussion about the number and location of the evaluation trenches that will need to be opened subsequently (unless the initial watching brief shows that the site has been completely mashed....!).

I'd suggest putting together a WSI for the trenching, which includes a methodology for an initial watching brief. I'd be happy to accept a provisional trenching scheme in the WSI, if a note could be included to say that the precise location of the trenches will be determined once the results obtained from the watching brief are known.

Does that make sense, and would you be happy to proceed along those lines?

All the best

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Hello Ben and Ian

Hope you're both doing well and hanging on until the holiday break!

We've recently been commission to produce a WSI for a plot of land at Ducie Street, Manchester (attached). Planning permission was approved at this site in 2019 (120149/FO/2018) for the erection of 7-8 storey residential building with associated landscaping and other works, with the planning application being accompanied by a DBA produced by Kathryn Sather & Associates (attached). Condition 18 of the decision notice states the following:

18) No development shall commence until the applicant or their agents or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works. The works are to be undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) submitted to and approved in writing by Manchester Planning Authority. The WSIs shall cover the following:

1. A phased programme and methodology of investigation and recording to include:

- archaeological evaluation trenching
- targeted open area excavation

2. A programme for post investigation assessment to include:

- production of a final report on the results of the investigations and their significance.

3. Deposition of the final report with the Greater Manchester Historic Environment Record.

4. Dissemination of the results of the archaeological investigations commensurate with their significance.

5. Provision for archive deposition of the report and records of the site investigation.

6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the approved WSI and have the findings of the investigation have been signed off by GMAAS

We've been contacted by the clients as they wish to proceed initially with some drainage works within the site boundary, potentially within the areas not identified as having potential archaeological interest, as outlined in section 9 (pages 18-20) of the DBA. I wanted to discuss with you the following:

- If you agree with the sites of potential interest
- If any groundworks would be able to be carried out within areas of no identified interest (these areas cover c.51m2 of the entire c.500m2 site boundary, or roughly 10% of the site) with no archaeological monitoring
- If archaeological monitoring is required during drainage works within this area, if this could be covered by a WSI containing a watching brief methodology.

I understand at some point further archaeological works will be required, as per the above condition, likely evaluation trenching with possible open-area excavation as recommended within the DBA. This methodology could also be included within any WSI produced so all areas are covered once ahead of the future full development works.

Happy to discuss any of the above further either via email or phone (07501 904541).

Best wishes
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