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Subject: [EXT] RE: Gallery Gardens - WSI Query

Hi Fran

Thanks ever so much for getting in touch regarding Gallery Gardens, and it's good to hear that the project is moving forward.

I cannot see any problem in terms of archaeological impact in laying out the road, and would not have any objection to that work being carried out in advance of a WSI (or Project Design as we tend to say these days) being agreed. The archaeological interest is in any surviving foundations of cellar dwellings which, if they do survive intact, will be at some depth below the modern ground surface and shouldn't be impact by the proposed works.

Similarly, I wouldn't have an issue in the foundation trench being excavated at this stage. Ideally, Trench 2 on your plan might be favourite, as it seems from a glance at the historic mapping that this trench lies on the course of the former Church Street, which isn't of any archaeological interest. If that is the case, there probably wouldn't be much archaeological research value in maintaining a watching brief during the excavation of the trench, although the archaeological team that has been / will be commissioned to prepare the WSI / Project Design might wish to be in attendance as it will allow them to consider their costs (by gaining an understanding of the likely depth of any surviving foundations / archaeology).

In short, I don't see an (archaeological) issue in progressing the works you mentioned immediately, but many thanks for asking and for the update. I will look forward to reviewing a WSI / Project Design for the archaeological trenching in due course.

With kindest regards

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Hi Ian,

Hope you are well.

I am reaching out to you in relation to the Gallery Gardens site (Ref. 124302/FO/2019), just off of Chester Road in Manchester. My client is looking at two potential sets of works on the site and I would be grateful for your view on if a full WSI (as set out in condition 6 on the attached decision notice) will be required to allow these works to commence.

Laying out of a Road
The first set of works is in relation to the pegging out of a road as shown on 'Road Layout' and which may also include the removal of a layer of topsoil. Given these are very minimal earth works we were hoping that a WSI would not be required to undertake these works?

Foundation Trench
We are also exploring the potential need to undertake some discrete foundation works as shown on 'Foundation Trench' - only one of these trenches will be likely required. I appreciate the site does contain areas of potential archaeological significance, as set out in the attached desktop study. However, given the limited scale of the foundation trench, we were hopeful that we may be able to agree a watching brief during the works and with a full WSI to follow prior the full below ground works? Or if there was a particular preference from you perspective on which trench is proceeded with?

More than happy to talk through on the phone if helpful.

Kind regards,

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