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Dear Chris

RE: Ancoats Green (Phase 2), Ancoats: Archaeology

Many thanks for consulting with the Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS) at an early stage in the application process for the proposed Ancoats Green (Phase 2) development in Ancoats, Manchester. I understand that the scheme will propose public realm improvements comprising hard and soft landscaping, working largely with the existing levels, together with the introduction of some trees and new play equipment that will require localised ground-breaking works for foundations.

The proposal site lies in the Ancoats Conservation Area and contains several sites of potential archaeological interest. In particular, the site of the Manchester Glass Bottle Works (HER 12428.1.0) lies to the south of Portugal Street in the northern part of the proposal area, close to the junction with Wadeford Close. This glass works had been established by 1834 by Woolfall Percival & Jackson and was the first in what emerged to be an important group of glass works in Ancoats. The footprint of the glass works is first captured on mid-19th-century mapping, which shows that the building was circular in plan, indicating that the glass works was a conical-shaped structure. The glass works was occupied subsequently by John Cannington & Co in 1863 and by George Rowlinson in 1871. The glass works was demolished before the end of the 19th century and the site redeveloped as a recreation ground that became known as Ancoats Green.

The proposed scheme will require some limited ground-breaking works with a potential to damage or remove any below-ground remains of the former glass works. Pending the detail of the final design for the public realm works, any such impact could be offset by maintaining an archaeological watching brief during ground-breaking works in this part of the proposal area.

In view of the localised nature of the proposed works, and the extensive information on the development of the area that is held on the HER, GMAAS is pleased to advise that a detailed archaeological assessment is not required to support the planning application in this instance, although it would be advisable to prepare a Heritage Statement that considers any harm of the proposal to the setting of the Ancoats Conservation Area.



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Pending the detail of the ground-breaking works required across the footprint of the former Manchester Glass Bottle Works, GMAAS will advise that a targeted programme of archaeological investigation is implemented, which will probably comprise a watching brief during the ground-breaking works across the footprint of the glass works.

In summary, GMAAS is pleased to advise that the below-ground archaeological resource within the proposed scheme area is understood sufficiently to negate a requirement for an archaeological assessment to be prepared and submitted with the planning application, although some limited further archaeological investigation may be required as a condition attached to planning consent.

Yours sincerely



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