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Dear Mr. Buckley,

**Re: 19/01818/OUT South Caldecotte - Committee Meeting 06/02/20, Archaeological Issues**

Thank you for your e-mail on the subject of Archaeology dated 17/02/20.

Please find attached to this letter a further explanatory response from our Archaeologist, Dr Mike Dawson, following Nick Crank's comments dated 21/01/20.

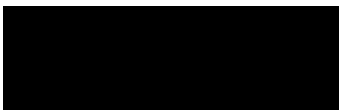
Upon further review of the Archaeological Trenching Report it has been noted that the version submitted to the Council is not the most up to date. We have therefore enclosed the most up to date version of the report. I would ask that you substitute the version of Trenching Report on the planning application file accordingly.

As set out in the attached letter from Dr. Dawson, the evidence suggests that the archaeology is of local or at most regional significance. The archaeology should not form a reason for withholding planning permission.

I would be grateful if you could advise whether you placed any reliance on the incorrect draft and, therefore, whether receipt of the correct version would lead you to withdraw your objections to the proposed development.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



**Graham Robinson MRTPI**  
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Attached:

Appendix A – Letter from Dr. Mike Dawson, Director, RPS  
Appendix B – Archaeology Trial Trench Evaluation on land at South Caldecotte, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire October 2018 Issue No.5

## **South Caldecotte 19/01818/OUT**

### **Re: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION AMENDED CONSULTATION RESPONSE From: N Crank, Snr Archaeological Officer Our Ref: 19/01818/OUT 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

The recent amended comments on the South Caldecotte application by the Senior Archaeological Officer (SAO) indicate that the trial trench report which it appears the authority has on file is not the most up to date version (V3) and looks to have been submitted in error.

Under the terms of the PPA we tried to contact the SAO on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> (voicemail), Jan 20<sup>th</sup> (voicemail) and by e-mail on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan to try and resolve some of the points made in the amended response. In particular the e-mail noted that "I'd just like to understand a few things in responding to the criticism of the reporting. In particular (1) the location of the substantial buildings 'some of brick construction with tiled roofs'. It is unfortunate that the SAO did not respond or we may have been able to resolve this prior to the planning committee.

In the attached correct version of the trial trench report the amendments account for the following:

- Correlation of the Artefacts/Samples with the trench catalogue
- Correction of page numbering
- Revised comments on the discussion section reflecting the final findings of the trenching.

To clarify, no evidence for substantial structural remains was present and this view is supported by all of the evidence.

Please note that I have not changed my position on the conclusions of the trial trench report, and our robust position is that of the letter of 03.02.20 that the archaeology is of local possibly regional significance. This position is wholly supported by all of the evidence and is, in summary because:

- The archaeological evidence within Unwin's field is not exceptional when compared to chronologically comparable evidence
- Roman streets can be adequately investigated through further research.
- The evidence does not support the theory that substantial buildings are located within the development site.
- The pottery found does not support the view that the archaeology is of national importance.
- The results of trenching are comparable to those of the excavations also on the east side of the Roman small-town during construction of the A5 in 1978-80