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Dear Anna

I hope that you are well.

I refer to the Heritage Statement accompanied by an HER report provided by Whaleback on 14th January 2025 (attached). The site lies within an archaeological notification area with the conjectured line a roman road may cross the site.

It is very clear that Whale have not understood the scope of planning application for the tennis court. Whale believe that the tennis court will not have any requirement for excavation and believe the tennis court will only be level graded through slight build up where required.

See point 1 of page 2 - Schedule of works :

For the tennis court, the existing turf will be removed and the land level graded through slight build up where required prior to laying down of the playing surface.

See point 4a. of page 3 :

For the tennis court, an area at the northern end of the garden will have the turf removed and the ground boil tup slightly where needed.

See point of page 6 :

Provided the ground is carefully built up as opposed to being reduced, any archaeological remains present will not be impacted and will be left situ.

See point 7 of page 6 :

The tennis court will be located at the end of the garden on one of there flattest parts of the garden and the surface will be evened out through build up instead of reduction in order not to impact any underlying archaeological remains.

The planning application DM24/2505 clearly states that the base of the court will be situated **2.75 metres below the current ground level** at the southern end of the proposed tennis court, indicating that there will need to **excavate approximately 3 metres down into the ground to prepare the base level of the proposed court.**

Therefore making the Heritage Statement and HER report relating to the tennis court not true and not relevant as the Heritage statement has been prepared based upon there being no excavation of ground works for the tennis court when in fact there is huge amount of excavation works required, with a depth of least 2.75m of ground excavation over the entire court.

I assume therefore, on this basis that the current issued report, another Heritage Statement and HER report will need to be prepared specifically for the tennis court?

Please advise

Many thanks

