

Anna Tidey

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Sent: 13 March 2025 09:15
To: Anna Tidey
Cc: Graeme Collins; Hamish Evans
Subject: Re: DM24/2505 - 50 Hurst Road, Hassocks
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Dear Anna

I hope you are well.

I refer to the report submitted by Mark Baister (Historic Environment Consultant - Place Services- attached) to Hamish Evans of the Mid Sussex Planning Department on February 5, 2025 reference planning application DM24/2504 at 50 Hurst Road. (DM/24/2504 - Two three-story rear extensions, a single storey rear extension at No 50 Hurst Road). Hamish Evans (copied in) is the planning officer for the planning application DM/24/2504.

50 Hurst Road is the same property where the planning application for the tennis court is currently pending consideration - DM/24/2505 of which you are the planning officer.

As you are aware I have challenged the submitted HER Report and Heritage Statement (Whale Consultants) for application DM/24/2505 (Tennis Court) on the grounds that Whale Consultants have **not** taken into account that there is a huge amount of earth excavation (minimum depth of 2.75m) of ground works excavation to take place for the installation of the court. Whale Consultants have clearly misinterpreted the application and reported on the tennis court installation being above ground with **no excavation whatsoever** in the report.

The report from Mark Baister - Place Services, reference application DM/24/2504 clearly states:-

"the line of a possible Roman Road (HER MWS7478) runs through 50 Hurst Road on a north-south alignment. Recent excavations at 36 Hurst Road, to the east, have uncovered Roman quarrying activity and evidence for industrial activity (HER MWS15825). Given the proposed developments proximity to the archaeological sites detailed above, there is a possibility that significant archaeological will survive on the site and be negatively impacted by the groundworks associated with proposals, particularly the excavation of the new basement level".

Surely the same information must be applied to the proposed tennis court which in fact not only has a huge footprint on more than half the garden of the property at 50 Hurst Road and runs north-south alignment, but also the fact that there is approximately 3m of ground excavation across an area of a 330 metres sq.

Please may I kindly ask you acknowledge receipt of this email.

I look forward to your comments on the above.

Kind regards



Dear Anna

Thank you for your email and swift response.

Assuming the Heritage Statement and HER Report are to be redone and resubmitted, how will the public / others comment on the new reports; as the consultation period for this application has ended, according to the Mid Sussex website?

Please advise

Many thanks and kind regards

Graeme Collins

On 3 Mar 2025, at 15:50, Anna Tidey <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Collins
Thank you for your email.
I await a response from the applicant's agent to your questions.
Regards
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Planning Officer

Submit your planning application online.
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Sent: 03 March 2025 14:37

To: Anna Tidey <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>

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Dear Anna

I hope that you are well?

I refer to my email sent 4 weeks (03/02/2025) ago reference the clear mis-interpretation of the planning application by WHALE who submitted the Heritage Statement and HER report.

The clear fact that WHALE understood there was to be NO ground excavation to build the tennis court when in fact the planning application states at least 2.75m of ground excavation across the court is to take place!

Please can you advise on the progress of this current issue, as I assume the application cannot be decided unless an accurate and relevant HER report and Heritage statement is submitted?

Kind regards

On 3 Feb 2025, at 09:59, Graeme Collins

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.

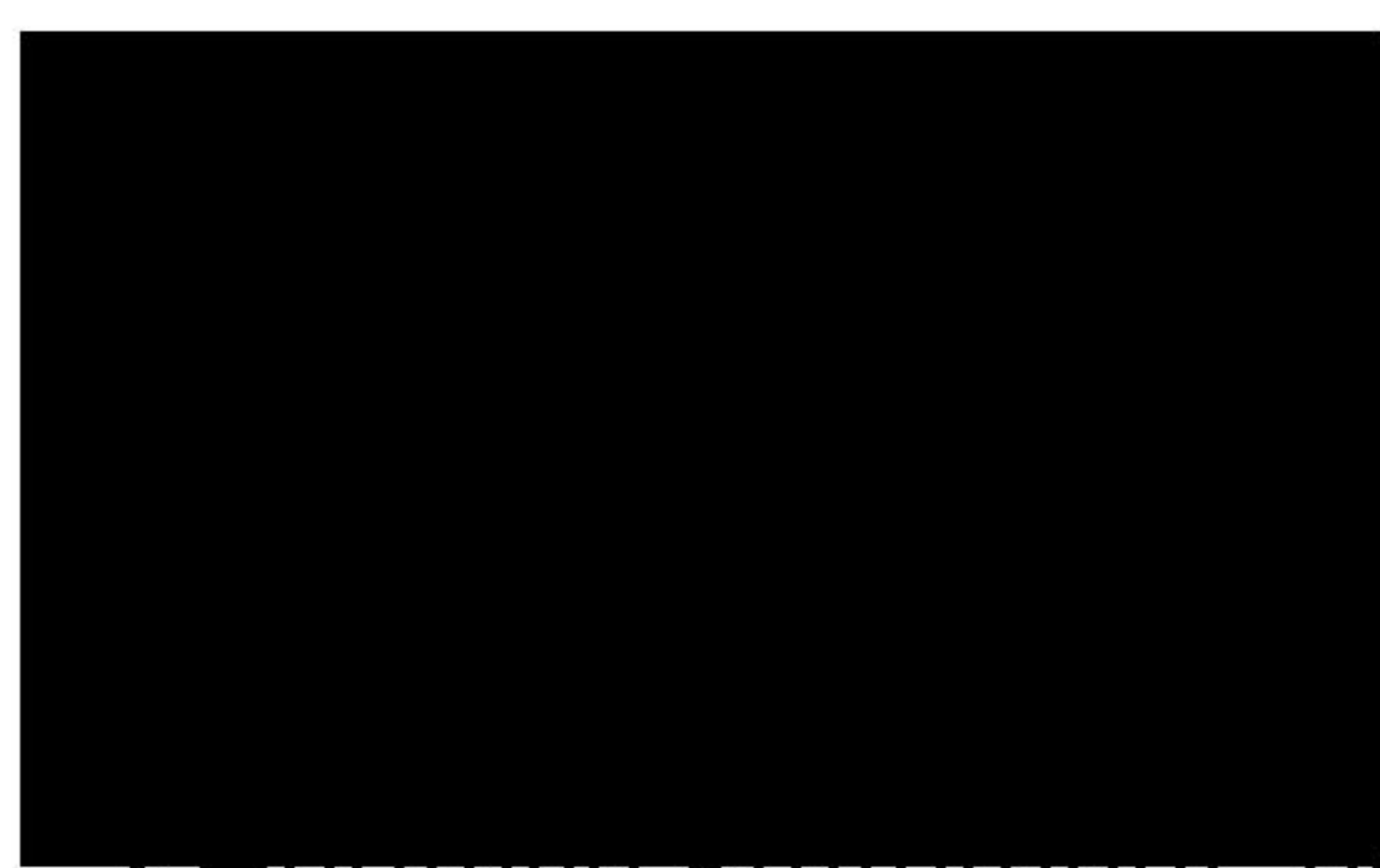
The planning application DM24/2505 clearly states that the base of the court will be situated **2.75 metres below the current ground level** at the southern end of the proposed tennis court, indicating that there will need to **excavate approximately 3 metres down into the ground to prepare the base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



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