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Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

Planning Ref: DM/24/2505

SPECIALIST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

Dear Anna,

**RE: DM/24/2505 - Proposed tennis court to rear garden
50 Hurst Road, Hassocks**

Thank you for reconsulting the Historic Environment Consultant to Mid Sussex District Council on the above planning application.

The submitted Heritage Statement suggests that the construction of the tennis court will not have an impact on archaeological remains – this is at odds with the described construction method of “cut and fill”, and also the submitted elevations, which show the tennis court as projecting into the northern bank of the site.

Accordingly, I continue to recommend that a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording is undertaken on the site during the groundworks for the tennis court, in order to record any archaeological remains impacted by the proposals.

I therefore recommend that the following conditions are placed on any consent, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 218 and Mid Sussex District Plan policy D34:

RECOMMENDATION: Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

- (i) No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until a programme of archaeological monitoring has been secured in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, for approval by the Local Planning Authority.**
- (ii) The applicant will submit a final archaeological report or (if appropriate) a Post Excavation Assessment report for approval by the Local Planning Authority. This shall be submitted within 6 months of the date of completion of the archaeological fieldwork unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Local Planning Authority.**





If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Please note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.

