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Subject: RE: MC/20/1478 - Land at Upnor Rd - Archaeology - Fieldwork Report on the Pleistocene and Palaeolithic Evaluation
Attachments: Upnor Road Fieldwork Report v1.pdf

Good Morning Ben,

Further to the approval of the WSI in relation to the above site , please find attached our Fieldwork Report on the Pleistocene and Palaeolithic Evaluation.

The Report recommends that no further work, other than a targeted watching brief on any excavations to a level of 1.5-2.0m below ground level in the area of test pit TP5 is required.

I have cc'd Medway Council for information and would be grateful if you could review and confirm that the report is appropriate to address your present response on the planning application.

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



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Dear Dan

Thank you for the amendments to the WSI – I'm happy to approve the updated WSI and for you to progress the test-pitting on that basis.

Kind regards,
Ben

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Dear Ben,

Please find attached a revised WSI for the Upnor Road site, which I hope addresses all of your comments. Please let me know if you have any queries.

Regards,

Dan

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Paul

Thank you for sending through a draft WSI for Palaeolithic evaluation at Upper Upnor. The document provides a good basis, but some revision is required. The broad principle however of evaluation through machine cut test pits (MCTP) is agreed.

As I am on-leave next week (due back 7th September). I wanted to provide some feedback on the WSI so that this could be addressed whilst I am away, but apologies if this means my comments are somewhat rushed.

General comments

The Palaeolithic evaluation should be undertaken in accordance with KCC's generic Specification for Preliminary Evaluation of Quaternary Deposits and Palaeolithic Potential (copy attached). A copy of these standard requirements should be appended to the WSI and the WSI should confirm that works will be carried out in accordance with these requirements (and any variation from these standard requirements and guidance should be identified within the main body of the WSI and the reason for variation set out).

As per my previous email, the WSI should include initial characterisation of the deposits expected at the site (based on pre-existing data, including geotechnical site investigation information) as this was not done at the DBA stage. This characterisation should be presented as a map showing different Character/Historic Environment Areas (HEAs), supported by summary data (attribute table) for each HEA describing its character and potential (see paragraph 8.11 of our standard specification requirements for DBA for areas with known Palaeolithic potential).

Although a deposit-led approach is being followed I would stress that this is an evaluation of Palaeolithic potential (not a geoarchaeological evaluation – although there is overlap in methods used). The WSI at present reads more as a geoarchaeological exercise. As such the works should be undertaken under the direction of a recognised Palaeolithic specialist with experience of recording and interpreting Pleistocene sediments (c.f. paragraph 3.2 of the existing WSI). If necessary more than one specialist may be required.

Specific comments on the text

A figure should be included that illustrates the Solid and Drift geology of the site and its wider environs. The figure should also show the locations of any Lower/Middle and Upper Palaeolithic records, and of any boreholes, palaeoenvironmental findspots or Quaternary exposures (and be cross referenced in the main text). This is a standard desk-based requirement for sites with known Palaeolithic potential, but such a figure was not included with the original SWAT DBA, so as with the HEAs I request this be incorporated into the WSI.

Aims and objectives

Aim 2 could be reworded and or split into two – i.e. to i) determine the presence(abundance)/absence/potential for lithic artefact evidence and faunal remains and ii) the evaluate the palaeoenvironmental potential of the sediments encountered.

An additional aim between existing aims 3 and 4 could be included to establish the likely impact of the proposed development on deposits of Palaeolithic and or palaeoenvironmental interest.

In terms of objective 4 I would note that there may be a requirement for further (detailed) evaluation, rather than assume mitigation is the next step. As proposed the test pits are quite widely spaced, which should give us a preliminary understanding of the broad character, extent and potential of the Quaternary deposits across the site, but more intensive test-pitting and additional stepped-trenches may be required to more fully evaluate the site's Palaeolithic interest.

Methodology

There is no mention in section 3 of provision for dating of the sediments. Any sediments suitable for optically stimulated luminescence dating (OSL) should be clearly identified. Provision should be made (under the guidance of the on-site Palaeolithic specialist) for the taking of OSL samples for dating at the evaluation stage, in case there is no future opportunity for renewed investigation. Advice from the HE regional Science Advisor will be sought where necessary.

Additionally, there is no mention within the methodology (section 3) as to how the test-pits (and sediments, artefacts, ecofacts, etc therein) will be recorded – either in terms of site-wide location survey or recording of individual test-pits.

I trust that the above comments are useful and would be pleased to discuss further.

Kind regards,
Ben

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Ben- please find attached the WSI for your comments-

Regards Paul

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Hi Andrew,

Please find attached a revised WSI with slightly amended TP locations. These are now located in areas of proposed buildings – I have placed one in the SUDS as I assume there will be excavations here?

Regards,

Dan

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