

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Application No: 18/11052/FUL
Temporary planning permission for use of land for film-making for 35 weeks to include construction of set and use of adjacent land for support services, associated storage and parking
Area 8 - Salisbury Plain, Land south of Chitterne Road, Tilshead, Wiltshire, Salisbury, SP3 4RS
Eastings: 404780 Northings: 144162
Ms E Pill

Please note the particulars in connection with the above planning application are available to view on the planning website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment.htm>

I would welcome any comments that you have about this particular application by **10 January 2019**. If I do not receive your observations and comments by this date I will assume you have none. If you require an extension of time please contact the Planning Officer above who will do their best to accommodate this.

Recommendations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | No Comment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Support subject to conditions (please set out below) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Object (for reasons set out below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No objections |

Matters Considered:

The proposed development area is within Salisbury Plain, an area of international reputation for the quality of its heritage assets. The applicant's Heritage Statement, submitted within the Planning Supporting Statement, identifies the Scheduled Monuments outside the application earlier, although one Scheduled Monument - 1009442 an Enclosure on Maddington Down – falls within the red line for the application. The Heritage Statement is further inadequate in that it refers only to designated heritage assets and fails to take account of the extensive undesignated heritage assets identified across the eastern part of the application area and included on the Wiltshire Historic Environment Record. Furthermore, the presence of assets to the east, north and south of the western part of the application area, strongly suggests that previously unidentified assets may be present in this area but have not previously been identified, perhaps as a result of cultivation, lack of access or vegetation cover.

I note that the Planning Statement quotes the NPPF extensively, including Section 16 which states that the LPA "should require an applicant to describe the significance of *any* [my emphasis] heritage asset affected" but the Heritage Statement fails to do this because it fails to mention non-designated heritage assets.

The Planning Statement also states that, in addition to the film set centring on the farm, there will be use made of the wider application area; unfortunately, there is no information to describe any potential effects. It is fair to say that the

devil is in the detail here, as we have no indication to the form this might take, whether recreating a haymaking scene or a 1917 battlefield. The Statement also fails to more securely identify the locations of ancillary development, only showing the location of the “French farm”.

Recommendations:

In the light of the absence of further archaeological detail and assessment I cannot properly comment on this application. For this reason, I recommend that no decision is made until I have received:

- An archaeological assessment that considers the non-designated heritage, as well as designated assets, and more fully considers the potential effects of the proposed development;
- An archaeological geophysical survey of the whole application area.

These elements will enable me to better assess the potential effect of the proposals on the historic environment. In addition, it will enable the applicant to adapt their plans to avoid particularly significant remains, should this prove necessary; however, the confirmed impact of the development, including groundworks and infrastructure, may also result in further archaeological works either to further evaluate effects, or to mitigate any impacts on archaeological remains.

Informatives:

I have consulted with the Senior Archaeologist at Defence Infrastructure Organisation and he has confirmed that he has been consulted on this application. He confirms that he has also recommended geophysical survey of the proposed development area, with potential for further works being required.

These recommendations are made in accordance with NPPF.

The works, both Archaeological Assessment and the geophysical survey, should be conducted by professionally recognised archaeological contractor(s) and in accordance with the Standards and Guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. The geophysical survey shall be the subject of a written scheme of investigation approved by this office. There will be a financial implication for the applicant.

Please contact me with any further queries.

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