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Archaeological & Heritage Assessment

1.0 Introduction

With regards to Archaeological & Heritage Assessments the: [National Planning Policy Framework](#) paragraph 189 states that "...The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance..."

The site is not located in a Conservation Area and there are no Listed Buildings either on the site or in the near vicinity. That being the case this Archaeological & Heritage Assessment is appropriate in length.

2.0 Archaeological Assessment

Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) have advised that there are two non-designated heritage assets recorded on the Merseyside Historic Environment Record within the proposed development site: Barn at The Hayes, Lower Road, Halewood, possibly an 18th century building (MME11808) and former site of a shippon or outbuilding at The Hayes, Lower Road, Halewood, a mid to late 19th century building (MME11809).

Further feedback states the following:

'The barn has been converted to three dwellings and the Merseyside HER holds a full set of drawings (plans and sections) of the demolished Shippon and outbuilding. Therefore, archaeological investigation of these assets would not serve to further our understanding of their significance.'

MEAS advise that archaeology does not need to be considered further for this application.'



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3.0 Heritage Assessment

As the existing barn is a non-designated heritage asset, we have assessed its significance and decided it worth considering in the design of our scheme and ensure we do 'no harm'.

The proposed housing on the scheme is screened from the non-designated heritage asset of the previously converted barn by the rear fencing, however we still consider this a material consideration for the following reasons:

- To access the site all residents are required to pass the barn;
- It is still an integral part over the overall masterplan for the site and should be considered so;

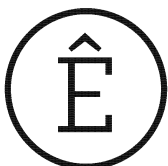
Following the assessment, we have ensured the new housing directly to the rear of the existing barn is sympathetic in design to it in the following way:

- **Scale** – the eaves and ridge height matches the existing barn ;
- **Materiality** – Sympathetic red brickwork and slate roofing is used to match and compliment the existing barn ;
- **Architectural Detail** – Circular window forms, timber materials to the window and red stone heads & cills, and guttering and downpipes are specified to match the existing barn.
- **Landscape** - The gardens and fencing to the rear will remain unaltered. Heritage cobbles will be used to the front to create hardstanding suitable for parking whilst creating an agricultural courtyard feel.

The remainder of housing on the scheme are not so closely linked to the existing barn in proximity. This being the case we have proceeded with a slightly more set of divergent forms and contemporary approach to design. That being said the material palette of the buildings will remain consistent so the development as a whole will feel as one and the forms will still retain an agricultural feel.

4.0 Conclusion

The assessment has established that there will be no impact on any designated heritage assets or their settings and significance within the surroundings of the study site as our development is suitable set back and designed with a sympathetic approach to form and materiality.



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