

## Consultation Advice

R/2020/0465/FFM

### DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES AND ENGINEERING OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH GROUND REMEDIATION AND PREPARATION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT

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LAND AT METALS RECOVERY AREA NORTH WEST OF PD PORTS; NORTH EAST OF SEMBCORP PIPELINE CORRIDOR AND TEES DOCK ROAD...

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1. We advised on the outline application R/2020/0357/OOM for permission to demolish structures and development on the whole of the site between Tees Dock Road and Smiths Dock Road for general industrial and storage/distribution use, in August this year. The current application relates to a part of that site (at the north eastern extremity of the 'whole site'), with the application made only in relation to demolition and remediation to create a development platform.

2. Pre-Construct Archaeology carried out a watching brief of 20 out of 25 of an array of geotechnical test-pits spaced across the site the subject of the current application, excavated during July 2020 (PCA, 31/7/20). No features of archaeological significance were encountered and no structural remains of world war II buildings and facilities known to have occupied the north eastern portion of the site were encountered. Iron slag, ash, fired slag, brick, and two pieces of concrete not *in situ* were noted.

3. The submitted DBA by Prospect Archaeology (August 2020) is of similar format and content to that submitted for the outline application (R/2020/0357/OOM), but benefits from the evidence of the PCA watching brief, and some updating.

4. In its final section, the DBA finds that *"There are no significant features surviving above ground and the potential for below ground survival was not easy to establish due to the continued use of the Site for metals recovery."*

The assessment is that *"The proposed engineering works will create a development platform at 8.8m aOD, and will require excavation to a maximum depth of 2.5m from 8.8m aOD. Where existing levels are already below this level, the ground will be raised. Excavation will therefore vary across the site and would be entirely within the modern dump deposits recorded in the SI test pits."*

Inasmuch as it relates to the development that could be authorised by way of the current application the DBA concludes that:

*"The proposed engineering works will have no direct or indirect effect on any designated or undesignated heritage assets. There is negligible potential for as yet unidentified archaeology to be present. No further heritage work is considered necessary in relation to this planning application."*

5. We agree with that assessment, and no further archaeological work (evaluation or otherwise) is recommended in relation to the developed proposed by this application.

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**North East Archaeological Research Ltd,**  
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