

FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
21st MAY

Agenda item 8

Case Ref. 19/00231/DEEM3

St James Church, Church Lane, Audley

Since the publication of the main agenda report the views of the **County Archaeologist** and **Landscape Development Section (LDS)** have been received.

The comments from the County Archaeologist express some disappointment that the submitted Heritage Statement fails to consider the potential implications of the development on the below ground archaeological resource. The Staffordshire Historic Environment Record (HER) records that the associated churchyard may have been established in the 13th/14th century whilst Audley was also recorded as a settlement in the Domesday Survey of 1086. Therefore there is some potential for groundworks in this area to disturb medieval, or later, archaeological features, including human remains.

The **County Archaeologist** recommends that appropriate, proportional mitigation measures should be implemented and therefore raises no objections subject to conditions relating to:

1. Written scheme of archaeological investigation to include details of the programme of archaeological works, post-excavation reporting and appropriate publication.
2. Archaeological building recording: Level 1 photographic record of the walls to be removed and rebuilt
3. Archaeological watching brief

The **LDS** raises no objections to the proposal which includes the removal of the Lime Tree on the northern boundary (previously permitted as part of a tree work application ref 19/00175/TCA). They note that the proposal avoids excavation within the root areas of important adjacent trees, however additional information should be submitted to provide details on construction methods and procedures which can be secured by conditions.

Officer Response

It was accepted within the main agenda report that given the nature of the surrounding site consideration of the archaeological implications of the scheme would be necessary, and was likely to result in the requirement for an archaeological watching brief to support any permission granted. Your officers consider that the comments of the County Archaeologist are reasonable given the significance of this heritage asset.

Given that the LDS raise no objections to the proposal subject to conditions to secure an Arboricultural Method Statement and Site Monitoring Schedule, your officer does not consider that the development would result in the unnecessary loss of any visually significant trees within the Audley Conservation Area and so is acceptable.

Published 17 May, 2019

Therefore in light of such comments the **RECOMMENDATION** is amended to include additional conditions as follows:

PERMIT, subject to the following conditions relating to;

- i. **Time limit condition**
- ii. **Approved plans**
- iii. **Materials**
- iv. **Archaeological building recording: Level 1 photographic record**
- v. **Archaeological watching brief**
- vi. **Written scheme of archaeological investigation**
- vii. **Arboricultural Method Statement**
- viii. **Arboricultural Site Monitoring Schedule**