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Cc: Grimshaw, David
Subject: 2024/0447/01/DET - North East Concrete Ltd, High Street

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

I have reviewed the revised documentation and checked the application site against the Historic Environment Record and historic maps.

As outlined in my previous comments, the application is located to the north of the designated battlefield of Newburn Ford (List Entry Number: 1000025, <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000025>), however, it is within an area of low sensitivity for remains associated with the Registered Battlefield. More relevantly, the site was located on the former Spencer's Steel Works (HER 4231), which was in operation in Newburn from the 1820s to the 1960s.

Archaeological evaluation trenching in 2005 and 2006 identified surviving remains from Spencer's Steelworks in an excellent state of preservation including an extensive multiple flue system and parts of other flues dated to c.1870. As part of those works, it was recommended that further excavation should take place on the site and considering the potential below-ground impacts of this application for infrastructure and drainage, I recommended a programme of archaeological work to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (NPPF para 211). The proposed changes to the development, in particular the piled fencing, would extend the potential impact to the archaeological remains and will need to be assessed accordingly. In addition, any below-ground remains could cause issues with the installation of this type of fencing and so I recommend that a small scheme of archaeological evaluation trenching is undertaken as part of the already recommended archaeological works.

The archaeological work can be carried out under condition as previously recommended, and I can provide a specification for the work when required. Alternatively, the applicant can appoint an archaeological contractor to prepare a Written Scheme of Investigation for approval in discussion with me.

The following conditions should be used to secure the archaeological works;

CC001 Arch - Excavation and recording

No groundwork or development shall commence until a programme of archaeological fieldwork (to include evaluation and where appropriate mitigation excavation) has been completed. This shall be carried out in accordance with a specification provided by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The investigation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy DM17 of the Development and Allocations Plan and Policy CS15 of the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan. The works are required to be submitted and approved in advance of works commencing onsite to ensure the protection of archaeological potential on the site.

CC002 Arch - Post excavation report

The development shall not be brought into use until the final report of the results of the archaeological fieldwork undertaken in pursuance of condition ^IN; has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified as being of potential archaeological interest. The investigation is required to ensure that any archaeological remains on the site can be preserved wherever possible and recorded, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy DM17 of the Development and Allocations Plan and Policy CS15 of the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan.

CC011 Arch - Publication Rpt Condition

The buildings shall not be occupied/brought into use until a report detailing the results of the archaeological fieldwork undertaken has been produced in a form suitable for publication in a suitable and agreed journal and has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to submission to the editor of the journal.

Reason: The site is located within an area identified in the Development and Allocations Plan as being of potential archaeological interest and the publication of the results will enhance understanding of and will allow public access to the work undertaken in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework , Core Strategy Policies CS15 and UC14 and Policy DM17 of the Development and Allocations Plan

Yours sincerely,

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