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By email only

Dear Joanne

Planning Portal Ref: PP-11838003

Application to discharge C22 (Archaeology) related to planning permission 20/01529/FUL

“Upperbanks” Land Bounded by John Street, New Baillie Street, Penn Street and Rear of properties fronting Yorkshire Street, Rochdale

We have submitted an application to discharge Condition 22 (archaeology) on behalf of Willmott Dixon.

The planning condition requires:

No building or unit(s) therein within any phase of development shall be brought into use until details to commemorate the site's heritage including the results of archaeological investigations set out in the Archaeological Excavation Report, (SA/2020/120, December 2020), in the form of a publication of a booklet in the Greater Manchester Past Revealed series, (or other such series overseen by Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service), shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority

The submitted document for approval is:

Rochdale: An Archaeological History, (part of the Greater Manchester's Past Revealed series), GMPR v3, prepared by GMAAS

The document is submitted as a pre-publication proof draft for copywrite purpose and has a “draft” watermark throughout. Because of file size limitation the file is compressed to under 10Mb from an original 95Mb file. A WeTransfer link can be provided if the Council requires, but we believe this version is clear enough to read and review for approval.

You will see that the booklet considers the wider history of Rochdale and not just the excavations at Rochdale Riverside Phase II, (now known as “Upperbanks”), putting the archaeological finds into historical context. See document pages 63 to 72 for details on finds at the site.

On the presumption the authority will approve the document as seen in its proof draft, a print run will be commissioned.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours faithfully / sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Purser", with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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