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Planning Ref: **EPF/2705/19**

## **SPECIALIST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Dear Ian,

### **RE: EPF/2705/19 Great Oak, Coopersale Street, Epping**

The Historic Environment Advisor of Place Services, Essex County Council has identified the above planning application from the weekly list.

The information provided by the applicant indicates that the buildings proposed for demolition are potentially of historic significance. In particular, the air raid shelter was probably for the use of the adjacent school during the bombings of World War II. It is currently unknown whether the school was used for other purposes during wartime. As rare examples of these structures it is therefore recommended that a record is made before any demolition or building work takes place; in view of this the following recommendation is made in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **Recommendation: *Building Record***

**'No preliminary groundwork's of any kind shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority'.**

*The District Council should inform the applicant of the archaeological recommendations and its financial implications. A building-recording brief detailing the requirements will be produced from this office on request.*





If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Lee-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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*Note: This letter is advisory and should be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.*

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