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Dear Mr Callis

**Re: Grange Park Parish Council (GPPC) request a Detailed Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risk Assessment is completed on the land subject to the Manor Oak Homes Planning Application 2023/5978/EIA**

Grange Park Parish Council (GPPC) are writing to support Quinton Parish Council's (QPC) request for a detailed examination of the ground of the above proposed planning application site in relation to the discovery of 62 Self-Igniting Phosphorus (SIP) grenades in a garden in Quinton in March 2022.

"The grenades – a staple of the Home Guard during World War Two – were found buried in a residential property and required a multi-agency response." ([62 Self-Igniting Phosphorus Grenades Found in Northamptonshire Garden | Zetica UXO](#))

This was a major incident, involving roads closures and the evacuation of around 20 properties and was reported by national and local media outlets.

In light of the above, GPPC request the applicant completes a **Detailed** Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risk Assessment for the proposed planning application site.

"Records of Home Guard activities and related sites are rarely preserved. Disposal of munitions by the Home Guard was poorly documented and surplus supplies were either buried or dumped in lakes and ponds." [Home Guard \(zeticauxo.com\)](#)

Due to the discovery of UXO within close proximity of the proposed planning application site, it is essential a detailed UXO Risk Assessment is completed to mitigate the risk.

Yours sincerely

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**Parish Clerk**  
**Grange Park Parish Council**