

Hi Sam,

Thanks for your enquiry.

The validation requirements suggest that the results of a search of the West Sussex Historic Environment Record should be supplied and the Heritage Report that has been submitted does not contain this and has not been written by a heritage professional, hence my recommendation for a professional archaeological assessment. The land parcel to the north west of the site where new development is proposed is over the 0.5 ha area that would require assessment of the archaeological potential, so in this case it would be reasonable to require this work which would probably compromise of a trial trench evaluation following determination of the application. The usual condition is set out below

i) No development shall take place until a programme of archaeological work has been secured in accordance with a Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

ii) The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until the archaeological site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition [i] and that provision for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental as the site is of archaeological significance and it is important that it is recorded by excavation before it is destroyed by development in accordance with Policy 34 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)

I hope that this is acceptable.

Kind regards

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