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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/22/1897/PINS:S62A/22/0005 Canfield Moat, High Cross Lane, Little Canfield, Dunmow

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor on the above application which has archaeological implications.

The following recommendations are in line with the new National Planning Policy Framework:

RECOMMENDATION: An Archaeological Programme of Trial Trenching followed by Open Area Excavation

- 1. No development or preliminary groundworks can commence until a programme of archaeological trial trenching has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted and undertaken by the applicant, and approved by the planning authority.**
- 2. A mitigation strategy detailing the excavation/preservation strategy shall be submitted to the local planning authority following the completion of the above trial trenching work.**
- 3. No development or preliminary groundworks can commence on those areas containing archaeological deposits until the satisfactory completion of fieldwork, as detailed in the mitigation strategy, and which has been signed off by the local planning authority through its historic environment advisors.**

- 4. The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post-excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post-excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication report.**

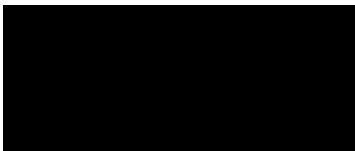
Reason for Archaeological condition

The Archaeological Desk Based Assessment submitted with the application identifies that an overall moderate to high potential for encountering archaeological remains in particular associated with the Canfield moated site which is identified by the Historic Environment Record. The assessment also recommends an appropriate programme of archaeological work. The Essex Historic Environment Record describes the moat as a homestead moat at the Rectory, half a mile east of the church and it is visible on the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1875 (EHER4578). There are also a number of linear cropmarks within the vicinity, likely field boundaries (EHER18887).

A recognised professional team of archaeologists should undertake the archaeological work. The work will consist of the initial excavation of trial trenches across the site followed by open area excavation of archaeological deposits identified. The District Council should inform the applicant of the archaeological recommendation and its financial implications. An archaeological brief can be produced by this office detailing the work required on request.

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

Yours sincerely,



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NOTE: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialists in relation to this particular matter.