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Date: 9th December 2022

### **Specialist Archaeological Advice**

Dear Planning,

**UTT/22/3258/PINS Land To The West Of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden**

**PINS reference: S62A/2022/0014**

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor on the above application.

The Historic Environment Record shows that the proposed development lies in an area of potential archaeological deposits directly southwest of Thaxted, southeast of the historic settlement of Saffron Walden. Excavations to the north found the remains of two Bronze Age barrows and other prehistoric features approximately 200 metres north of the site (EHER48520). A geophysical survey undertaken by Headland Archaeology which has been submitted with the above application identified potential archaeological features. As defined in the Archaeology and Heritage Statement, again submitted with the above application, trial trenching would be completed to confirm the nature of the features identified by the geophysics. The following recommendation is being made to ensure appropriate recording of the archaeological deposits where required.

The following recommendation is in line with the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 205.

#### **RECOMMENDATION: An Archaeological Programme of Archaeological Investigation**

- 1. No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until a programme of archaeological investigation has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, and approved in writing by the local planning authority.**

2. **No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until the completion of the programme of archaeological investigation identified in the WSI defined in 1 above.**
3. **The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of the 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.**

A recognised professional team of archaeologists should undertake the work. The District Council should inform the applicant of the archaeological recommendation and its financial implications. An archaeological brief can be produced from this office detailing the work required.

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.*