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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/22/2046/PINS Land At Berden Hall Farm, Dewes Green Road, Berden

The Historic Environment Advisor of Essex County Council has identified the above application on the weekly list as having potential archaeological implications.

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

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

1. No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until a programme of archaeological evaluation 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 evaluation identified in the WSI defined in Part 1 and confirmed by the Local Authority archaeological advisors.
3. A mitigation strategy detailing the excavation / preservation strategy shall be submitted to the local planning authority following the completion of the archaeological evaluation.
4. 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 approved in writing by the local planning authority.



5. 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.

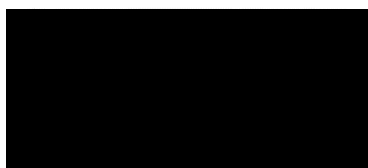
Reason for Archaeological Recommendation

A Heritage Statement has been submitted with the above application and has assessed the potential for archaeological remains. The assessment considers the potential for archaeological deposits being present within the development area exists for all periods, and in particular, there is high potential for deposits associated with late Iron Age to Roman occupation in the north of the site, and early Medieval to Medieval and later in the south and east of the site. This archaeological potential has been confirmed through a desk based assessment, aerial survey and geophysical survey and the Heritage Statement confirms that the nature and extent of these deposits should be assessed through a programme of trial trenching evaluation. This would be followed by a programme of archaeological investigation or preservation in situ.

A recognised team of professionals should undertake the archaeological work. The initial archaeological work would comprise a programme of archaeological evaluation of all areas of ground disturbance to fully assess the surviving heritage assets on the site and record them. A brief detailing the requirements of this work can be obtained from this office.

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.