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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/22/2174/PINS: Land to the south of Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex.

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor of Essex County Council.

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

RECOMMENDATION: 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 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 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 which has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This shall be done within 6 months of the date of completion of the archaeological fieldwork unless otherwise agreed in advance in writing by the Local 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

The Essex Historic Environment Record and the submitted archaeological desk based assessment shows that the proposed development lies within a potentially sensitive area of archaeological deposits. Previous excavations within the area have identified the presence of a range of archaeological sites including a Bronze Age barrow (EHER 49001) with later Saxon occupation. Immediately to the west of the site a medieval field system and early post medieval farmstead were excavated close to the road (EHER 49002). A geophysical survey has also been undertaken on the site which did not locate any significant archaeological features although did indicate that alluvial deposits near to the river were likely to overlay any surviving deposits.

The archaeological work recommended would comprise initial trial trenching to identify the extent and depth of archaeological deposits followed by open area excavation if archaeological deposits are identified. All archaeological work should be conducted by a professional recognised archaeological contractor in accordance with a brief issued by 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 specialist staff in relation to this particular matter