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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/23/0246/PINS, S62A/2023/0015 Grange Paddock, Ickleton Road, Elmdon

The Historic Environment Advisor of Essex County Council has identified the above application from the weekly list.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Consult with Historic England

Historic England should be consulted at the earliest opportunity as the application could have an impact on the setting of the scheduled monument.

2. An Archaeological Programme of Trial Trenching followed by Open Area Excavation

- **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.**
- **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.**



- **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

The Historic Environment Record identifies the proposed for development as being within an area of potentially sensitive archaeological deposits at the edge of the historic settlement of Elmdon. The proposed development lies in close proximity to Elmdonbury, a site which encompasses the Scheduled Monument of Castle Grove a ringwork 370 metres northwest of Elmdon Church (SM1011780, EHER3878) as well as the historic farmstead. The proposed development has the potential to impact the setting of this scheduled monument. Further west is the Scheduled Monument of Dagworth moated Site (SM1012055, EHER124) formerly Dagworth Manor House. Within the vicinity of the proposed development prehistoric pottery has been identified indicating occupation in the locality (EHER46378). Ring ditches have also been identified through cropmarks to the north of the proposed development (EHER16273). There is therefore the potential for roadside development, prehistoric and medieval features within the proposed development site.

The archaeological work 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 specialists in relation to this particular matter.*

