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Dear Planning,

UTT/22/2624/FUL Consultation on S62A/2022/0011: Land Near Pelham Substation, Maggots End Road, Manuden

The Historic Environment advisor has identified the above application on the weekly list as having archaeological implications.

Previous comments from this office on the scoping application and the 2021 application recommended that an assessment of the aerial photographic evidence as well as a geophysical survey should be undertaken as part of the initial assessment to support the planning application. A geophysical survey was undertaken in March 2022 and is submitted in the Environmental Statement (Chapter 2) which shows a number of archaeological features were identified. Recommendations were made by the Historic Environment Advisor as to areas which were recommended to be removed from the scheme and those which would require a programme of targeted archaeological evaluation, however no further discussions have been undertaken. It was recommended that this targeted trial trenching should be undertaken to identify the significance of these non-designated heritage assets as defined in paragraph 194 of the NPPF.

The following recommendations are made on the evidence provided by the geophysical report and the Heritage Statement which highlight late prehistoric finds and features, including ring ditches, within the vicinity of the site along with the probable sites of two medieval moats within the proposed development area. The proposed development also lies in close proximity to two scheduled sites, The Crump, a Norman ring motte, and Battles Hall moated site (LUID1009308, 1011630).

Considering the extent of the recorded archaeology on the Historic Environment Record, the results of the geophysical survey and evidence within the heritage statement shows that there is a high potential for previously unknown significant archaeological deposits to be identified within the development area. The significance of the remains of the moated enclosure has not yet been ascertained. Therefore, it is still recommended that the applicant undertakes a targeted trial trenching evaluation of specific areas.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Archaeological trial trenching evaluation in advance of a planning decision

The applicant should be required to conduct a field evaluation comprising targeted trial trenching to establish the nature and complexity of the surviving archaeological assets identified in the geophysical survey. The significance of the moated site identified needs to be established predetermination therefore this should be undertaken prior to a planning decision being made.

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*