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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/23/3112/PINS: Land North of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor of Uttlesford District Council.

The following recommendations are in line with the new National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 211.

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 trial trenching 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.**



Reason for Archaeological Recommendation

The planning application is supported by a heritage statement which contains a summary of the archaeological potential of the area. There has also been discussions between the applicants consultant and this office. The results, largely negative, of a geophysical assessment area also provided within the heritage statement. The Historic Environment Record shows that to the west of the site on the opposite valley side the remains of two Bronze Age burial mounds have been excavated in advance of housing (EHER 48520). Immediately to the south west of the site two lime kilns were recorded situated within an existing chalk quarry (EHER 15007) both of post medieval date. The location of the large field of this development on the opposite valley slope to that of the burial mounds has the potential to have surviving prehistoric deposits of a similar date.

A recognised team of professionals should undertake the archaeological work. The archaeological work would initially comprise a programme of archaeological trial trenching of the proposed development area within the large field. 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



Richard Havis
Principal Historic Environment Advisor



NOTE : This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter