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Date 20-8-2024

Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Planning,

UTT/24/1898/PINS Former Friends School Field Mount Pleasant Road Saffron Walden

PINS reference: S62A/2024/0057

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Advisor on the above application.

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 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 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.**



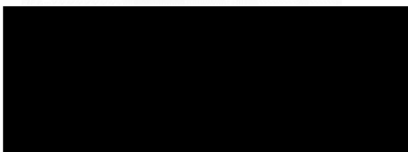
Reason for Archaeological Recommendations

The historic environment record and the submitted desk based assessment shows the proposed development area contains potentially significant archaeological remains. A number of Roman burials have been recorded including two burials found to the west of the site in recent years (EHER 48579) which are likely to form part of a larger cemetery with further bodies identified in the area of the water tower within the Friends School. Immediately to the south of the school there are records of prehistoric remains being discovered (EHER 14594). There are Iron Age occupation sites to the south, west and north of the proposed development, two of which are in close proximity to the development (EHER 432, 504, 505, 14594). Neolithic activity is also recorded nearby, and probable Neolithic inhumations have also been identified at West Road (EHER 507, 508). Previous archaeological work within the confines of the main school were limited however deposits within the vicinity indicate the potential for multi - period archaeological deposits being present.

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.