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Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Nigel

UTT/21/2509/OP Land South Of (East Of Griffin Place) Radwinter Road Sewards End

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

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

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 Recommendation

The Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposed development lies within an area of archaeological potential to the east of Saffron Walden. To the southwest of the proposed development recent archaeological excavations have identified Bronze Age round barrows and a number of Bronze Age and Iron Age pits (EHER48520). Roman finds have been recovered to the north, west and south of the site indicating some activity from this period within the area (EHER264, 261, 6745/46). Post-medieval field boundaries have also been identified in recent excavations to the west of the proposed development (EHER48792). A programme of archaeological geophysical survey has been undertaken and potential archaeological features have been identified within the proposed development area. There is therefore the potential for multi period remains/ deposits within the development area being impacted on by the proposed development.

A recognised team of professionals should undertake the archaeological work. The archaeological work would comprise a programme of archaeological trial trenching of the proposed development. This should be undertaken prior to any reserved matters submission. 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,

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Historic Environment Consultant

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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.*