

Application No: AL/20/21/PL

This site lies on a part of the West Sussex coastal plain that modern archaeology has demonstrated to have been relatively densely settled since late prehistory, and where the potential of a site to contain archaeological interest is likely to be proportionate to its size. More particularly, it lies near the centre of a narrow north-south strip of land, defined by the Aldingbourne Rife to the west and a similar semi-natural stream to the east, that formed a peninsula with the 'island' of Lidsey at its southern point. This was clearly once a significant landscape zone within which settlement activity is likely to have concentrated, and it is no surprise that a series of WSCC Archaeological Notification Areas have been assigned in the vicinity.

In the circumstances the site should be investigated prior to it being developed in order to identify any significant deposits that might be present and to implement appropriate measures for their preservation. This would be most appropriately secured via a standard archaeology condition, the most suitable being a version of ARC1 as follows:

No development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.

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