

APPLICATION NO:

AL/57/18/OUT

This site lies on a part of the West Sussex coastal plain that modern archaeology has demonstrated to have been relatively densely settled since the neolithic period 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 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 it is adjacent to two WSCC Archaeological Notification Areas and in the vicinity of another.

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 either through pre-determination field evaluation or in line with 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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