



Briefing Note

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The following is an update on the archaeological site evaluation that has taken place at the above site in order to determine the presence of archaeological material that would be harmed as a result of future development and therefore require suitable mitigation.

The requirement for the site to be evaluated archaeologically was stipulated in the planning conditions attached to BE/102/17/OUT which stated that:

No development shall take place, other than works of site survey and investigation, 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 local planning authority.

The aforementioned written scheme of investigation forms part of the pack of information (Archaeology South East 2018) and outlined the strategy and scope of investigative works required to satisfactorily determine the presence/absence of archaeology at this site. This scope was deemed satisfactory by James Kenny, West Sussex Archaeology Officer as advisor to Arun District Council. This approved scope was used to inform competitive tendering on behalf of the client with the successful candidate being Pre-Construct Archaeology (PCA).

Archaeological evaluation in the form of trial trenching of forty one 30m x 2m and five 50m x 2m trenches with geoarchaeological prospection taking place within 15 trenches commenced on site 14 November and ended on 7 December. A total of seven trenches revealed features of interest, either former field boundaries, single pits with no discernible relationship and very few dateable artefacts were recovered in their original context. One particular trench, 12, warranted closer investigation and characterisation. Works to what was originally believed to be a substantial linear feature of unknown origin was eventually revealed following additional extensions to the north of the trench to be an irregular geological hollow in the historic landscape and is unlikely to be of archaeological significance.

The site proposed for future development has been properly and appropriately evaluated to determine the presence/absence of archaeology. The extent, position and sampling strategy has been satisfactorily endorsed by James Kenny, archaeological advisor to Arun District Council and he was party to continued liaison throughout the site works. The site works failed to uncover any archaeological sites of significance to warrant further detailed archaeological excavation. The evaluation report is in the process of being finalised by PCA and will be circulated to the relevant officers in January 2019.

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