

APPLICATION NO:

CM/4/19/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 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 beside an ancient watercourse, the Ryebank Rife, against which settlement activity and the utilisation of natural resources are likely to have concentrated. Discoveries similar to those revealed prior to the redevelopment of land to the rear of the Oystercatcher PH, in 2005 (WSSC HER EWS787), are to be expected. Historically, the importance of the point where the Ryebank Rife is crossed by an ancient routeway at Grevatt's Bridge is given further distinction by this being the place where four early parishes meet.

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 process 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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