

Written Scheme of (Archaeological) Investigation

Erection of 1 No 3 Bedroom Town House; Land rear of 27-29B Surrey Street Littlehampton West Sussex BN17 5BD.

In discussions between George Anelay of West Sussex Archaeology Ltd and John Mills of WSCC it became apparent that an exchange of letters would probable suffice if the ground was not disturbed by the formation of foundations.

Below is an extract from an e-mail of the 14th January 2015 between Mrs A Gardner and John Mills, Senior Archaeologist at West Sussex County Council in respect of condition 11 of planning consent LU/5/12.

"Given that the foundations will now involve only a shallow ring-beam, about 500mm deep, sitting on ten deeper pile caps only slightly wider, the amount of new ground disturbance deep enough to affect archaeology will be, in total, very small. If buried archaeological features do exist here, on the edge of the former harbour, most of these will still survive below ground, under the build."

It is therefore proposed that a 'watching brief' is maintained during the excavations and as suggested;

"Any ancient artefacts exposed during the course of ground excavations will be reported to Arun District Council and that insofar as is reasonably practicable, access will be allowed to the site for Arun District Council's archaeological adviser, in order to examine such artefacts, inspect their find-spot and make appropriate records".

This statement therefore confirms that the applicant will advise your authority if artefacts are found during the excavations and an opportunity to investigate will be provided.