

APPLICATION NO:

Y/88/18/OUT

The Heritage Desk Based Assessment submitted with the application has made it clear that 'There is considered low potential for unrecorded archaeological remains within the study site boundary' and that 'As such the scheme does not present risks to archaeological remains that might justify a refusal to grant consent for development.' And I agree that refusal would not be justified.

However, the absence of evidence cannot be taken as evidence of absence, and in fact it is also noted that it has been demonstrated that the surrounding landscape was certainly exploited in the later prehistoric and Roman periods. There seems to be no particular reason why related contemporary deposits of interest might not be present within the site, and if they are, the effects of development might be particularly harmful.

In the circumstances I recommend that archaeological potential of the site should be evaluated ahead of development in order to identify any deposits of archaeological interest that it might contain so that measures might be put in place to ensure appropriate preservation (whether in-situ or through further investigation). This process would be best secured following a suitable version of standard archaeology condition ARC1.

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