



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/25/2066
Date: 27 August 2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Lullings Cottage, West Hill, Ardingly, Haywards Heath

The application is for the Demolition of the existing property and adjacent sheds and replacement with a new single storey residential dwelling with two parking spaces.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows limited evidence of archaeological activity in the vicinity of the proposed development site.

The farmstead of Westhill Farm, to the immediate south-west of the proposals, is identified in the HER as a historic farmstead (HER MWS12979), but the proposals lie outside the historic farm complex. Two other historic farmsteads are recorded to the west of the proposed development (HER MWS13281 & MWS10184) but remains associated with these sites are unlikely to extend into the area of the proposed development.

Although absence of archaeological evidence is not equivalent to evidence of archaeological absence, the lack of known archaeological remains in the vicinity, combined with the relatively small scale of the proposals and the likely ground disturbance of the site from the current buildings, suggest that no significant archaeological remains will be impacted by the proposals.

Accordingly, and based on our current knowledge, I have no recommendations to make in relation to this application.

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Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter

