



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/26/0682

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Land At Hurst Farm, Hurstwood Lane, Haywards Heath

The application is for Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Reference: DM/25/1630, Lewes District Council (LDC) Reference: LW/2510707 at Hurst Farm, for appearance, layout, scale and landscaping only.

I have reviewed the amended Written Scheme of Investigation and the submitted Geophysical Survey Report. These documents suitably outline the methodology and results of a scheme of geophysical survey on the development site, and as a result I can recommend the full discharge of Condition 33.

However, the Written Scheme of Investigation still requires some amendments before it meets the requirements of Condition 15(i):

- As stated in my previous correspondence some trial trenches should be targeted on areas within the Country Park where groundworks are anticipated. The plans submitted with this Reserved Matters application show at least one pond being excavated in the park, and any below-ground activity could impact on archaeological remains and should be included within the trenching programme.
- Additionally, two of the currently proposed trenches need to be slightly adjusted to better target the geophysical anomalies; specifically:
 - o T70 should be rotated to better target the adjacent geophysical anomaly
 - o T17 should be moved south-east to target the grouping of geophysical anomalies there

Until the amendments listed above are undertaken and a revised WSI is submitted I recommend that no planning decision is made concerning the discharge of Condition 15(i).

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