



12 December 2023

Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

Planning Ref: DM/23/2867

SPECIALIST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

Dear Steve,

RE: DM/23/2867 - Change of use of farmland and woodland to parkland reserve to include public access and instigation of long-term management and rewilding regime, including establishment of pedestrian and cycle tracks, with new pedestrian and cycle access points off Cuckfield Road to the south and Staplefield Road to the north. Proposals to include the addition of two wooden viewing platforms and two hides. Sports pitches at Beech Farm Field to remain in sports use.
Land East Of Ansty Way, Cuckfield Bypass, Cuckfield

Thank you for consulting the Historic Environment Consultant to Mid Sussex District Council on the above planning application.

Recommended refusal	
No Historic Environment objections	X
Recommended Approval subject to attached conditions	
Further information required	
Recommend discharge condition	

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development is located within an area with high potential for archaeological remains to survive, associated with Cuckfield Medieval park and park pale (HER DWS8634).

However, the development, as described in the application documents, will result in no, or very limited, groundworks. As a result, the likelihood of significant archaeological remains being impacted during the course of the development's implementation is low.

Accordingly, and based on our current knowledge, this office has no archaeological recommendations to make regarding this application. If you have any further





questions, or should the specifics of the proposed development change, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Place Services provide archaeological advice on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council

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