



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.

The submission for this Reserved Matters Application includes an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for Geophysical Survey and Archaeological Evaluation. There are several alterations required to this document to suitably fulfil the requirements of Conditions 33(i) and 15(i):

- The submitted WSI does not contain methodology for a programme of geophysical survey; Appendix C is labelled as such but appears to have not been included within the submission.
- The archaeological work should also target the area of the proposed burial ground and areas of the proposed Country Park where below-ground impact is anticipated (ponds, car parks, infrastructure etc) as they both lie within the scope of this Reserved Matters application.
- A commitment needs to be made within the WSI to deposit the digital archive of the work with the Archaeology Data Service.
- The Data Management Plan (data sharing section) states the final report will be uploaded to the incorrect Historic Environment Record.
- Paragraph 7.4; a digital copy of the report should also be provided to the East Sussex Historic Environment Record, as the development area also falls within their jurisdiction.

Until an amended WSI is submitted addressing the above points I recommend that no planning decision is made on this Reserved Matters application.

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