



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/25/2747
Date: 1 December 2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: 4 Pound Gate, Hassocks

The application is for a First floor side extension over garage, single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, single rear extension behind garage.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development lies just to the south-east of a confluence of multiple Roman Roads running through Mid Sussex, as evidenced by previous excavations along their route, and denoted by several Archaeological Notification Areas (HERs DWS8607, DWS8680 & DWS8725). Surrounding this convergence of roads is an area of multi-period archaeological activity (HER DWS8193), including extensive Roman building remains to the west of the proposed development (HER MWS7316 & MWS883) forming part of a Roman settlement site (HER MWS4415). A cemetery associated with this settlement was also uncovered (HER MWS3204), which included the discovery of earlier Bronze Age (HER 891) and later Anglo-Saxon burials (HER MWS892), suggesting occupation in this area for a substantial period of time. Supporting this further, Mesolithic worked flints have also been recovered from the vicinity of the development (HER MWS3807).

The Roman settlement site was initially discovered and partially excavated during quarrying activity in Hassocks during late nineteenth and twentieth century; 4 Pound Gate lies entirely within the extent of this historic quarrying, as shown on early Ordnance Survey mapping. Given this, any archaeological deposits on the site are likely to have been truncated by sand extraction, and this, combined with previously developed nature of the site and the relatively small scale of the proposals, suggests that no significant archaeological remains will be impacted by the groundworks associated with the development. Accordingly, I have no recommendations.

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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.

