

Our ref: GSC/255640/21.07.26

Tuesday 21 Jul 2026

Via e-mail

To whom it may concern,

Re: Land at Folders Lane, Burgess Hill

Wessex Archaeology undertook an archaeological evaluation on land at Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Homes Ltd between 6 and 10 July 2026. The evaluation was planning condition for the residential development of the site

[REDACTED] preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until the programme of archaeological evaluation identified in the submitted Written Scheme of Investigation and confirmed by the local authority archaeological advisors.

- ii. A mitigation strategy detailing the excavation / preservation strategy shall be submitted to the local planning authority following the completion of the archaeological evaluation.
- iii. No development or preliminary groundworks can commence on those areas containing archaeological deposits until the satisfactory completion of fieldwork, as detailed in the mitigation strategy, and which has been approved in writing by the local planning authority.
- iv. The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of the fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication rep

Reason: To protect the archaeological value of the site and to accord with policy DP34 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of 12 trenches (each originally measuring 30 m by 2 m) across the 1.74ha site. All works were undertaken in accordance with the written scheme of investigation (Wessex Archaeology 2022).

A single ditch terminal and three agricultural furrows were recorded across three of the excavated trenches (Trenches 8, 10 and 12). The features were all located in the southern half of the site and are of minimal archaeological significance. All of the furrows were cut through the subsoil deposits, with a single sherd of post-medieval pottery (tentatively 16th or 17th century in date) recovered from a furrow in Trench 10. No datable material was recovered from the ditch terminal.

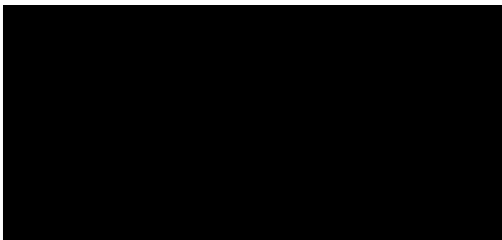
The archaeological works were monitored on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council by the Historic Environment Consultant (HEC) at Place Services. After reviewing the results of the evaluation, the HEC has confirmed that no archaeological features or deposits requiring further investigation were

identified and that no further archaeological mitigation (either monitoring, excavation or preservation) is required. All archaeological works on site have now been completed (please see attached email).

This letter was written to confirm the conclusion of pre-commencement archaeological works and support the discharge of conditions 6(i - iii). Condition 6(iv) requires the submission of a final archaeological report, which is currently in production and will be submitted in due course.

The email correspondence from the HEC confirming the completion of the evaluation is appended to this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Supply of Services Contract details and Schedule template, Supply of Services Conditions document



Subject: FW: 255640 - Land at Folders Lane, Burgess Hill
Date: 13 July 2026 12:27:32
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

External Message:
Hi Andy,

As discussed and FYI.

All the best,
Martin



Sent: 09 July 2026 11:10



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Thanks Martin – I will await the report

Mark Baister, BA MCifA

Historic Environment Consultant



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Hi Mark,

Many thanks.

Pond in Tr1 appears modern with no other features uncovered.

Thank you for confirming the backfilling- I will pass this on to Lisa.

Best wishes,
Martin

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Sent: 09 July 2026 08:35

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Hi Martin,

Thanks – is the pond in T1 modern? Do we have any other features at all?

Don't think I will need to come out to see these, when you have recorded them happy for you to backfill them.

Kind regards,

Mark

Mark Baister, BA MCIfA

Historic Environment Consultant

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Hi Mark,

Many thanks for getting back to me.

I am attaching the next bunch of trench photos for your reference.

I have spoken with Lisa, and she confirmed that the grey material in Trench 9 is just a patch of blue clay, which can appear slightly darker in the trenches when viewed from certain angles.

Lisa also confirmed that there were no finds in any of the trenches.

Best wishes,
Martin

Sent: 08 July 2026 09:54

Hi Martin,

Thanks for the photos – can the grey material in T9 be checked to see if it is a feature please.

Happy for these trenches to be backfilled once that is done and they are recorded. Let me know how the pond in T1 is going and its age, and how the remaining trenches go.

Assuming no finds so far?

Kind regards,

Mark

Mark Baister, BA MCIfA

Historic Environment Consultant

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Hi Mark,

Please find photos of the first 9 trenches at Folders Lane, Burgess Hill.

Lisa is leading the evaluation and there is very limited archaeological evidence found across those trenches.

I am also attaching a plan of the trenching area.

If you have any questions please just let me know.

Best wishes,

Martin

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