



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/26/1613
Date: 1 September 2026

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Land Parcel Adj. To Worsell Drive, Copthorne

The application is for a Full planning application at two parcels of land adjacent to Worsell Drive, Copthorne, each accessed from existing bell-mouth junctions at Worsell Drive and Langridge Way, for the erection of new homes (Use Class C3) including affordable homes; internal access roads, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development site has been the subject of archaeological trenching and subsequent mitigation. This work uncovered early prehistoric struck flint, Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery and thirteenth-century medieval pottery.

This previous archaeological work did not fully evaluate the proposed development areas – several areas within both the northern and southern parcels were not trenched or subsequently mitigated. However, taking into account that the areas in question have since been subject to disturbance in the form of compound construction and tree clearance, as well as the nature and extent of the archaeological remains uncovered in the trenches that were undertaken, I consider it unlikely that any significant archaeological remains will survive within the development area.

Accordingly, I have no recommendations.

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