



FAO: Planning Department,  
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/25/0590  
Date: 7 April 2026

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

### RE: Little Reeds Farm, London Road, Hickstead, Haywards Heath

The application is for Engineering works: 5m high earth noise bund with associated landscaping.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record shows that the proposed development is located within an area with limited archaeological evidence. No archaeological works have been undertaken within the immediate vicinity, and the archaeological potential of the site is best characterised as uncertain.

However, the proposals comprise the construction of a bund and landscaping, with the ground being largely built up and little (if any) in the way of below-ground excavation proposed. Although absence of archaeological evidence does not equate to evidence of archaeological absence, the lack of known remains combined with the apparent limited below ground impact suggests that it is unlikely that significant archaeological deposits will be impacted by the proposals.

Accordingly, I have no recommendations relating to the application.

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