



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/26/0696
Date: 2 June 2026

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Adastra Park, Keymer Road, Hassocks

The application is for the Construction of a two lane cricket net structure measuring approximately up to 35 metres in length and 9.3 metres in width and up to 4 metres in height.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development is in an area with the potential for significant archaeological remains to survive.

The site lies within the Archaeological Notification Area indicating the route of the Greensand Way; the Roman road linking Hardham and Barcombe Mills (HER DWS8725). The projected route of the road lies directly to the north of the proposed development (HER MWS3786), and associated Roman remains related to this historic routeway, including roadside ditches and metalling, as well as extramural Roman remains, may survive in this location.

Given the above, I recommend that a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording is undertaken during the groundworks associated with the proposals. This would record any archaeological finds or deposits exposed by the groundworks and produce a report detailing the results of the monitoring exercise.

To understand the potential for, and significance of, archaeological deposits impacted by the proposal, a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording is being recommended in line with paragraph 218 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) and Mid Sussex District Plan policy D34. A recognised team of professionals should undertake the archaeological work. The archaeological potential beneath the site needs to be further understood by a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording; this could be outlined in further detail by a brief from this office to inform a Written Scheme of Investigation.

In view of the above, I recommend that the following conditions are placed on any permission:



RECOMMENDATION: Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

- (1) No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until a programme of archaeological monitoring has been secured in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, for approval by the Local Planning Authority.**
- (2) The applicant will submit a final archaeological report or (if appropriate) a Post Excavation Assessment report for approval by the Local Planning Authority. This shall be submitted within 6 months of the date of completion of the archaeological fieldwork unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Local Planning Authority.**

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