



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/25/1650
Date: 21 July 2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Horncastle Care Centre, Plawhatch Lane, Sharpthorne East, Grinstead

The application is for demolition of the remaining parts of the redundant buildings in the western and southern part of the site; the development of a new specialist dementia care home (Use Class C2); the retention of an existing acquired brain injury (ABI) unit in the northern part of the site (Use Class C2), a retained access from Plawhatch Lane and associated car and cycle parking and landscaping.

No historic environment objections	X
No historic environment objections subject to attached conditions	
Further information required	
Recommend discharge condition	

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record shows that the proposed development is located within an area with no known archaeological deposits. Historic mapping of the site shows it as being undeveloped and the current buildings are, as attested by the submitted desk-based assessment, late twentieth-century in origin.

Given the lack of known archaeological remains in the vicinity, and the fact that the proposed new buildings are largely located within the footprints of the existing modern structures, it is considered unlikely that significant archaeological remains will be impacted by the proposals.

Therefore, based on our current knowledge, I have no archaeological recommendations to make.

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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.

