



FAO: Planning Department,
Mid Sussex District Council

Application ref: DM/25/1063

Date: 29 April 2025

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Walnut Marches, Crawley Down Road, Felbridge, East Grinstead

The application is for the discharge of Planning condition No: 12 relating to planning application DM/23/0990.

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

The submitted Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) contains some of what is required, but several alterations and additions are necessary in order to adhere to best practices, accepted professional standards and to suitably fulfil the requirements of Condition 12(i).

- While the proposed trenching percentage is acceptable, the trenches should be relocated to ensure they target the footprints of the proposed new builds; as these are the areas of highest below-ground impact resulting from the proposals.
- Section 5.1.4 of the WSI should be reworded to make clear that the decision on if further archaeological work is required lies with the local planning authority.
- Section 5.5.1 of the WSI discusses an unconnected site and should be corrected.
- Section 5.5.4 of the WSI mentions contacting a specific archaeological volunteer group and should be amended to reference outreach opportunities more generally.
- Details should be provided within the WSI outlining the archaeologists, finds specialists and project managers anticipated to be involved with the project and, as appropriate, their qualifications and experience.
- The WSI should include a commitment to create and complete an OASIS entry detailing the project (<https://oasis.ac.uk/>) and also to deposit the resultant digital archive with the Archaeology Data Service (<https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/>).

Until a revised WSI is submitted addressing the issues above, I recommend that Condition 12(i) is not discharged.

Mark Baister MA MCIfA

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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