

MEMORANDUM

From:	Built Heritage Officer		
Service	Green Infrastructure	App No:	242324
Address:	Dukes Field Cottage, Norton Road, Riseley, Reading, RG7 1SH		
Proposal:	Consultation from Hart District Council for the following proposal: The erection of a three bedroom dwellinghouse with associated car and cycle parking, access, refuse storage and landscaping following demolition of the existing Old School House.		
Heritage Asset:	Path of Roman Road (non-designated)		
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

No objection raised

Comments On Proposal

Thank you for consulting Built Heritage on the above application.

In the first instance I would defer to Hart's Conservation Team and the County Archaeologist for specialist advice on these proposals. I would endorse the latter's commentary specifically in regard to any proposed design respecting and incorporating the linear character of the Roman Road. The 'Devils Highway', that is the Londinium (London) to Calleva Atrebatum (Silchester) route is relatively well preserved in the vicinity, and can clearly be read and understood partly due to the extant tree belt. Whilst there is existing development in the form of the application site 'Old School House' and neighbouring 'Duke's Field Cottage', there would always be a preference in retaining the undeveloped and appreciable nature of the historic route. If development should occur, the proposed design should respect and take into account the preserved character as much as possible. As noted by the County Archaeologist, any grant of planning permission should include an archaeological watching brief secured by condition.

Conditions

N/A

Date:	16/09/2024	Signed:	Roderick McDonald Built Heritage Officer
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