

Heritage / Archaeological Assessment

Brookfield Farm, Old Wokingham Road, RG40 3BU

Full application for change of use of land to a natural burial ground to include parking area, access to Easthampstead Road, single storey pavilion and retention of workshop for storage of plant and machinery for grave digging and maintenance of the land. Landscaping and biodiversity net gain enhancements to include a new tree planting, ponds and wildflower meadow.

As with the extracts below **highlighted yellow** from a previous approval at the site, the applicant is agreeable to the same proposed prior to commencement planning condition.

203627 Brookfield Farm, Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne - consultation response from Berkshire Archaeology

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Good morning

We have been re-consulted on this application; I attach our previous response in case it has gone astray, but please do let us know if there are any queries about it

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Many thanks for consulting us on this application. We have been through the details submitted and have the following comments:

The site is located within an area of archaeological potential, as noted on the Berkshire Historic Environment Record. Cropmarks observed on aerial photography to the immediate north and to the west are likely to represent field systems and/or enclosures, and further associated features, as yet unrecorded, are therefore likely to survive in the vicinity.

Noting the requirement for drainage and underlayers for the sand school, as well as anticipated ground disturbance from the construction of the proposed new building, **archaeological mitigation should be required**, in line with national and local policy. This may take the form of a watching brief over areas of ground disturbance, or a preliminary set of trial trenches to test the potential and inform the need for further work.

The archaeological work could reasonably take place post-determination, and therefore we recommend that if the application is approved, a condition is attached

to the consent, as follows:

No development shall commence until a programme of archaeological work (which may comprise more than one phase) has been implemented in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: the site is within an area of archaeological potential, and further investigation is required to allow preservation and recording of any archaeological features or artefacts before disturbance by the development, in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework Section 16 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment), Core Strategy policy CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy TB25

Private: Information that contains a small amount of sensitive data which is essential to communicate with an individual but doesn't require to be sent via secure methods.

I trust this suits, but please do get back to us if you have any queries about these recommendations

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