

About the application

Application number: 2020/92331	
What is the application for?:	Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwellings and developmen
Address of the site or building:	Land east of, Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>, that reference in this area, I wish to object to this development.</p> <p>I note the site has been strategically located just within the boundaries surrounding previous documented discoveries of archaeological interest.</p> <p>I have extensively researched this area over many years and on numerous points of interest.</p> <p>I have identified a possible Roman or Ancient Highway from Chester to Leeds that could run through the proposed developments. I have found reference to a 'Roman' road on a map c1600/1700 and also discovered ancient standing stones on a track running from Gawthorpe High Street towards Chidswell. After consultation it was assessed these are likely Mesolithic – dating around 9000 BC which would date the footway to the same period. It is my belief that this ancient road could run straight through the proposed site and also have a relation to the possible settlement beside Dogloitch Woods.</p> <p>Both the Magnitude Surveys Geophysical report and West Yorkshire Heritage Desk Based Assessment reference numerous crop marks and geophysical anomalies which likely represent the buried remains of pre-historic or Roman period settlement.</p> <p>There are records of a possible Roman Marching Camp at Kirhamgate and a Roman Villa at Gawthorpe.</p> <p>I also have seen Lidar for the area showing a large banking or trackway leading from the farm at Chidswell to Dogloitch Woods. I would also reference a large find of Roman coinage at Red Lodge Farm, Kirkhamgate, in the 1700s. I was given permission to metal detect the land of and has found an Oyster shell, several large square headed nails, a piece of Wrenthorpe ware and a piece of Tesra within the area of Jaw Hill. Also what I believe to be Roman personal hygiene tools and awaits confirmation from the FLO.</p> <p>It is mv belief that the alleged marching camp is actually the site of a rich merchant's</p>

house, a Romano British merchant who made his money from a large industrial operation which took place between the village by Dogloich woods and Jaw Hill, making this all part of the same complex, I cannot remember how many coins were dug up in the 1700s but believe it was in the thousands (I may have that information wrong) but either way it is proof of someone of wealth and possibly status living in the area.

There has been proof of iron working and mining in this area for centuries and although it is suggested in the archaeological report that the Medieval Iron Works location is not known I discovered an area abundant with iron slag, I have found bags of Medieval pottery and even some tools on the fields between Dogloich woods and Gawthorpe (which I left in situ).

I believe that the "Cropmarks" mentioned in the Chidswell archaeology report should be investigated further as should the surrounding area, if indeed these cropmarks and the alleged Roman Camp/merchants house are related, and if my theory is correct then this would be one of the largest and earliest sites of industrial activity in Wakefield and possibly Yorkshire?