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**2025/92776 - Land at, Eastfield, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8HB**

**Outline application, with all matters reserved, for residential development with associated open space, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and associated works**

Dear Louise

Thank you for the email of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Having reviewed the application and the submitted Heritage Assessment and Geophysical Survey I would suggest that a programme of archaeological fieldwork is undertaken to fully evaluate the proposed development on the archaeology on the site. The geophysical survey had recorded some anomalies that do not appear to match the current field boundaries or ploughing patterns. There are also some areas that are masked by magnetic disturbance which should be tested.

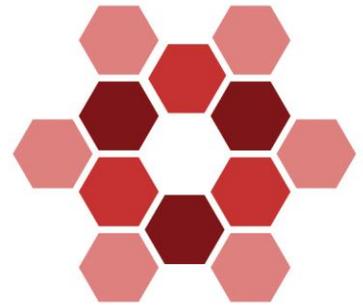
**Recommended Course of Action**

I recommend that a programme of archaeological evaluation by trial trenching should be undertaken to assess the archaeological potential of the site. The date and function of the anomalies should be confirmed. The field evaluation should comprise a programme of trial trenching that would be targeted at anomalies identified by the geophysical survey. This evaluation should be undertaken prior to determining this application so the data from the trial trenching can be used in assessing the significance of the archaeology on site and assessing the impact of the proposed development on that archaeology.

Should it not be possible to undertake the evaluation prior to determination the evaluation could be undertaken post determination with the proviso that further works may well be required after evaluation that should further investigate any features of significance.

**Recommended Planning Condition**

The WYAAS recommends that should planning consent be granted for the development. This work can be secured by the attachment of a suitable condition to any grant of planning permission awarded. In accordance with the Department of the Environment's Circular 11/95, we recommend that the condition be worded as follows:



The following condition is suggested by Historic England in their Historic Environment Good Practice Advice, Planning Note 2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment, 2015 paragraph 37:

“No demolition/development shall take place/commence until a written scheme of archaeological investigation (WSI) has been [submitted to and] approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI, which shall include the statement of significance and research objectives, and

- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works
- The programme for post-investigation assessment and subsequent analysis, publication & dissemination and deposition of resulting material. This part of the condition shall not be discharged until these elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI”

#### **Detail of Archaeological Investigation**

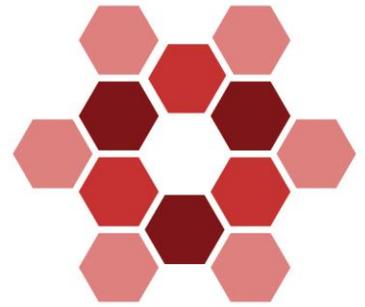
Details of the necessary archaeological work, in the form of a specification, will be provided to the developer on written request, by the WY Archaeology Advisory Service in our capacity as the Kirklees Planning Department’s advisors on archaeological matters. The WY Archaeology Advisory Service will also be responsible for monitoring the work of the archaeological contractor commissioned by the developer to undertake this work, on behalf of the Planning Authority.

In order to aid the developer to meet the requirements of the above condition I would suggest that it might be helpful to add the following as a note to the planning permission:

“For further information please contact: David Williams, West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service: 0113 535 3257”

We would strongly suggest that the developer be advised that a reasonable period of time for the execution of the necessary archaeological work must be allowed for within the overall site timetable. Any commencement of work on site prior to the approval and implementation of an archaeological specification, and/or any failure to schedule work properly that results in inadequate archaeological recording, should be deemed by the Planning Department to be a breach of the planning condition.

Kind Regards



Dave



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