



03/08/2026

2025/93355- Land off, Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY
Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, highways and drainage infrastructure
WYAAS Ref: CWY673

Dear Katie,

Thank you for the email of the 21st July 2026, consulting WYAAS on the above application.

WYAAS has reviewed the submitted planning documentation, including the recent specification for the archaeological mitigation ("*Specification for an Archaeological Strip and Record Excavation at Woodward Court, Mirfield*", July 2026).

I can confirm that the resulting Specification fully meets the requirements of our specification and is formally approved by WYAAS

As the scheme of investigation has been agreed, WYAAS has no objection to the commencement of the archaeological mitigation fieldwork in the designated areas covered by the Specification.

As highlighted in our previous consultation response (26th May 2026), the site contains sensitive non-designated heritage assets, including Early Bronze Age cremation burials and prehistoric/medieval ditch systems.

The site is also subject to shallow mine entry consolidation and pressure-grouting works (Lithos Specification, March 2026). WYAAS must reiterate that all archaeological strip, map, and record excavations within Areas A, B, and C must be fully completed on-site and signed off by WYAAS before any mine drilling, pressure-grouting, or general ground consolidation engineering works commence, as those heavy engineering works will irreparably destroy or distort the unexcavated prehistoric and medieval remains.

Recommended Planning Condition

WYAAS recommends that should planning consent be granted for the development, this work be secured by the attachment of a suitable condition to the permission. This could be in the form of a varied standard condition in accordance with that 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:

"The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation: 'Specification for an Archaeological Strip and Record Excavation at Woodward Court, Mirfield' (WYAAS Ref: CWY682, July 2026).

No site preparation, topsoil stripping, mine entry drilling, pressure-grouting, or engineering consolidation works shall take place within the defined mitigation areas (Areas A, B, and C) except under the direct control of the appointed archaeological contractor, and until all on-site archaeological fieldwork has been completed and signed off in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The condition shall not be fully discharged until all post-excavation analysis, final reporting, and archive deposition have been completed and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority."

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.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely,
David Williams
WYAAS Team Manager