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2025/93532 Bromley Farm Quarry, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8PD

Discharge of details reserved by conditions 6 (site preparation and clearance), 8 (BEMP), 9 (landscaping), 11 (fencing), 12 (WSI), 14 (shared access), 16 (access road), 19 (wheel bath), 22 (Access Management Plan), 23 (parking), 49 (surface water discharge), 59 (delivery HGV route) on previous permission 2023/91280 for quarrying operations for the extraction of clay, shale and incidental coal and subsequent restoration by means of importation of inert wastes

WYAAS Ref: CWY603

Dear Farzana,

Thank you for the email of the 23rd December 2025. Regarding the discharge of **Condition 12** at the above site.

I have reviewed the supplied Geophysical Survey Report (ASWYAS Report No. 4401).

The report states that the Site is deemed to have a high archaeological potential, particularly in the northwest. The survey has detected magnetic anomalies of both a definite and a possible archaeological origin, including part of an enclosure and other ditch responses. Other anomalies have been highlighted as possible archaeological features.

Medieval or post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation has also been detected, along with a former field boundary and modern ploughing. Geological responses can be seen throughout and are strong and widespread in places. Areas of the site are also noted to have an unknown potential due to the possible masking of features by this geology.



Recommended Course of Action

While the geophysical survey has successfully identified areas of potential interest, it identifies anomalies that require testing to fully understand their significance. Furthermore, the potential masking effect of the geology means that "blank" areas of the survey may still contain archaeological remains.

Consequently, the archaeological obligations required by Condition 12 have not yet been fully fulfilled. The purpose of the condition is to "establish potential archaeological interest," which currently requires further evaluation to verify the geophysical results.

Based on the high archaeological potential identified, WYAAS recommends that a programme of archaeological evaluation (Trial Trenching) is undertaken. This is necessary to:

1. Test the geophysical anomalies (including the enclosure and ditches).
2. Assess the archaeological potential of areas where geological masking may have occurred.
3. Confirm the presence, nature, date, and function of any surviving archaeological remains.

The data obtained from trial trenching is essential to accurately quantify the impact of the proposed development. Please note that further archaeological mitigation (such as open-area excavation or a strip, map, and record) is likely to be required following the trenching, depending on the results.

Recommendation on Discharge of Condition

As the full programme of site investigation and recording has not yet been completed, WYAAS recommends that Condition 12 is not discharged at this time.

We advise that the condition remains in force until the trial trenching has been completed, the report submitted and approved, and any subsequent mitigation strategy agreed upon.



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 West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service in our capacity as the Kirklees Planning Department's advisors on archaeological matters. The West Yorkshire 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.

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 the archaeological works, 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

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