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Thank you for consulting us in connection with the above application. Previous advice has been given by this service for this site in the past.

The building concerned lies within an area of some archaeological interest adjacent to a multi period site recorded by geophysical survey, evaluation and finally excavation ahead of development in the 1990s (PRN 16029). This site consisted of Late Iron Age and Roman ditches recorded 30m SE of the application area and a Roman cremation burial 37m E. A series of plough furrows was recorded and dated to the C11th 30m SE and aligned to continue into this plot. A mid C13th building was also encountered during the excavation 20m east of this site. A second building was also recorded to the SE. Further Iron Age, Roman and Medieval features were recorded 80m E of the site in an earlier excavation (PRN 15925).

The site of this application was not included in these investigations but it is highly likely that further aspects of the late Iron Age and Roman sites and the medieval settlement will survive within the application site.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) contains the following paragraph:

189. In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes, or has the potential to include, heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2019) paragraph 189, we would therefore recommend that, prior to the determination of this application the applicant should therefore be responsible for the implementation of an archaeological field evaluation.

This must be carried out by a professionally qualified archaeological organisation and should aim to define the character and extent of the archaeological remains within the application area, and thus indicate the weight which should be attached to their preservation. This information can be used for identifying potential options for minimising or avoiding damage to the archaeology and on this basis, an informed and reasonable decision can be taken.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind Regards

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