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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** RE: Planning notification for application reference: 22/00489/F

Dear Sir/Madam

**Ref: 22/00489/F OS Parcel 9078 and 9975 Adjoining Stocking Lane and North of Rattlecombe Road, Stocking Lane, Shenington**

Thank you for consulting with us on the above application, we have given advice through the Single Response system, and I will reproduce it below:

This proposal site sits in an area of archaeological interest and potential, as has been outlined in an Archaeological Desk Based Assessment produced as part of this application. The site lies 100m southwest of Scheduled Monument 181 which comprises the best preserved Medieval ridge and furrow in Oxfordshire, c. 250m south west of the remains of Medieval croft boundaries and 400m west of the remains of the Shrunken village of Shenington. There has been little largescale archaeological investigation in the hinterland of Shenington, and so there is potential for Medieval remains to survive, which could provide information on the development of the settlement.

Prehistoric flint has been recovered from isolated spots south and west of the proposal site (PRN 2180 and 7349). These were recovered as surface finds and not from a formal archaeological excavation, and so there is potential for the development to disturb remains of previously unknown prehistoric activity in the area.

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2021, paragraph 189), we would therefore recommend that, prior to the determination of any planning application for this site 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 evaluation must be undertaken in line with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standards and guidance for archaeological evaluation including the submission and agreement of a suitable written scheme of investigation.

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.

If the applicant contacts us at the above address, we shall be pleased to outline the procedures involved, provide a brief upon which a costed specification can be based, and provide a list of archaeological contractors working in the area.

Kind regards,

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