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**Sent:** 09 February 2026 12:20  
**To:** Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning notification for application reference: 26/00086/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Ref: 26/00086/F**

Thank you for consulting us on this application. The submitted Historic Environment desk-based assessment was undertaken without agreement of a Written Scheme of Investigation, as is outlined in the standards and guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. As such, there a number of comments which will need to be addressed before the assessment is acceptable. The site lies in the area covered by the Solent-Thames Regional Research Framework, not the East England framework referenced in the document.

LiDAR data has only been analysed within the boundaries of the site when the pre-application advice from the Archaeology Service highlights the likely Medieval ridge and furrow adjoining the site. As the site has seen recent development, LiDAR data of the specific development site will not be as useful as the data for the full 1km study area. Guidance available on our website does require LiDAR to be examined for the whole study area. Our guidance also requires aerial photographs to be examined of the study area as part of desk-based assessments; it appears that no aerial photographs were consulted in preparation of this document. Inclusion of aerial photographs would be beneficial to show the site prior to development, and the surrounding study area.

Though the report includes discussion of the scheduled remains of Somerton Manor, the document does not make it clear that the Somerton Village Earthworks are also a scheduled monument, though they lie within the 1km search area (NHLE 1004826). The data held by the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) records a number of Medieval findspots within the 1km search area of the DBA. Though the proposal site lies outside the previously recorded Medieval activity in Somerton, these findspots may provide information on the peripheral land uses. OCAS guidance for DBAs requires that PAS data is included in assessments.

We will require evidence to support the conclusion that the current use of the site will have 'extensively disturbed' any archaeological deposits, such as the inclusion of foundation and service plans for the agricultural buildings. The pre-application advice provided included that this information would be required.

Once the DBA has been updated with the above information, we will be able to

provide more detailed advice on any archaeological field investigations which may be required.

Kind regards,  
Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services

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