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7<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**My Ref: RO/0087**

**Please ask for:**

Richard Oram

***Planning Archaeologist***

Dear Sir/Madam,

**12/01802/REM - Land South Of Blackwood Place And Molyneux Drive And North West Of Cotefield Farm, Oxford Road, Bodicote**

Thank you for consulting us in connection with the above application.

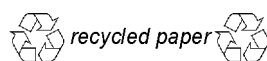
We provided comments on an Outline application for the site under the reference number 11/00617/OUT (letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Ref:RO/0234).

The area concerned lies within an area of some archaeological interest identified through an archaeological evaluation carried out on the site (PRN 26492). This evaluation recorded a number of Iron Age and early Roman features including possible enclosure ditches and round house ring ditches along with two isolated Neolithic pits. Post medieval boundaries were also recorded. These features were mainly recorded in the north west of the site but a lower density of features were also recorded to the south. This development will impact on these features and further archaeological recording will be required prior to development.

We would, therefore, recommend that, should planning permission be granted, the applicant should be responsible for ensuring the implementation of a staged programme of archaeological investigation to be maintained during the period of construction. This can be ensured through the attachment of a suitable negative condition along the lines of:

1. Prior to any demolition and the commencement of the development a professional archaeological organisation acceptable to the Local Planning Authority shall prepare an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, relating to the application site area, which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological importance on the site in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework



2. Prior to any demolition on the site and the commencement of the development and following the approval of the Written Scheme of Investigation referred to in condition 1, a staged programme of archaeological evaluation and mitigation shall be carried out by the commissioned archaeological organisation in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation. The programme of work shall include all processing, research and analysis necessary to produce an accessible and useable archive and a full report for publication which shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason – To safeguard the identification, recording, analysis and archiving of heritage assets before they are lost and to advance understanding of the heritage assets in their wider context through publication and dissemination of the evidence in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework

If the applicant makes contact with 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.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard." with a period at the end.

**Richard Oram**  
Planning Archaeologist