**Application no: 18/01894/OUT**

**Location:** OS Parcel 4300 North Of Shortlands And South Of High Rock, Hook Norton Road Sibford Ferris

**Archaeology Schedule**

**Recommendation:**

Objection for the following reason/s:

A programme of archaeological investigation will be required to support this application as set out in the submitted desk based assessment by Orion Heritage.

**Comments:**

The site is located in an area where little formal archaeological investigation has been undertaken and as such the archaeological potential of the site is unknown. An archaeological desk based assessment has been submitted by Orion Heritage which concludes that the site has low archaeological potential for all periods.

The assessment however highlights that this may be due to a lack of archaeological investigation and further concludes that a programme of archaeological investigation will be require to support any planning application (Orion heritage DBA, paragraph 5.4).

In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 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.

The investigation should consist of a geophysical survey in the first instance and may require a further phase of evaluation depending on the results of this survey.

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