

Application no: 19/01177/F

Location: Land To The South And Adj To South Side Steeple Aston

Archaeology Schedule

Recommendation:

Objection for the following reason/s:

The site is located in an area of archaeological interest and further information on the survival of below ground archaeological remains will be required as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (2019), paragraph 189, before we can provide further advice.

Comments:

The site is located in an area of archaeological interest 90m west of a location where human remains have been found during the creation of a patio. The burial was undated but thought to be Roman in date in association with further Roman burials recorded to the east.

An archaeological evaluation and subsequent excavation was undertaken ahead of a housing development in the late 1990s which recorded Neolithic, Iron Age and Roman settlement along with a number of Roman burials, 700m east of this proposed development. It is likely that the burial found immediately west of the application site relates to this settlement. The extent of this settlement and its associated burials is unknown and may continue into the application area.

A programme of archaeological evaluation will therefore need to be undertaken ahead of the determination of this planning application as set out in paragraph 189 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019).

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.

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