



Terrance Garner  
Regeneration and Neighbourhoods  
Castle Point Borough Council

Date: 23rd October 2023

### **Specialist Archaeological Advice**

Dear Terrance

#### **23/0085/OUT: Land east of Rayleigh Road, Thundersley**

This letter follows on from the meeting between Castle Point, the applicant and Place Services.

The applicant has identified that the majority of the existing hedgerows will be preserved within the proposed development as defined within the design and access statement, which will retain the historic pattern of hedges, although the housing will detract from the overall agrarian nature of the present landscape. If the development receives permission archaeological work would be required on any hedge and ditch lines that need to be crossed.

The following condition, as identified in the original response, is based on the advice given in the new National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 194 and 205:

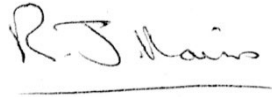
**RECOMMENDATION:** An Archaeological Programme of Trial Trenching followed by discussion on preservation or Open Area Excavation of deposits identified.

- 1. No development or preliminary groundworks shall commence until a programme of archaeological trial trenching has been secured and undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has previously been submitted by the applicant, and approved by the planning authority.**
- 2. A mitigation strategy detailing the excavation/preservation strategy for any archaeological deposits shall be submitted to the local planning authority following the completion of this work.**
- 3. No development or preliminary groundworks can commence on those areas containing archaeological deposits until the satisfactory completion of fieldwork, as detailed in the mitigation strategy, and which has been previously approved by the local planning authority in consultation with its historic environment advisors.**
- 4. The applicant shall submit to the local planning authority a post-excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post-excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive**

**and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication report.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Havis', written over a horizontal line.

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*NOTE : This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter*