Dear Alison,

S/3566/17/FL – Land East Of Fowlmere Road, Foxton

I am writing to you concerning the potential of archaeological implications of the above planning application.

Our records indicate that the site lies in an area of high archaeological potential. The proposed development area is located within a particularly dense archaeological landscape, with identified phases of activity dating from the late Iron Age onwards. The nationally important West Hill Settlement site is located within 200m to the west of the proposed development boundary (National Heritage List for England reference 1004670, Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record reference DCB175) and is a known late Iron Age settlement which was occupied through to the early Roman period, now recognised as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. To the south and east are extensive networks of ring ditches and rectilinear enclosures (for example HER nos 08637, 08937, 08638 and 08923) and to the north along the line of Fowlmere road lies evidence of medieval agricultural activity and artefacts (08323, 08985) at Chalk Hill. It is therefore considered highly likely that important archaeological remains survive in this area and that these could be severely damaged or destroyed by the proposed development.

We do not object to development from proceeding in this location but consider that the site should be subject to a programme of archaeological investigation secured through the inclusion of a negative condition, such as the example condition approved by DCLG.

Archaeology
No demolition/development shall take place until a written scheme of investigation (WSI) has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI which shall include:

- the statement of significance and research objectives;
- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording and the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works
- The programme for post-excavation assessment and subsequent analysis, publication & dissemination, and deposition of resulting material. This part of the condition shall not be discharged until these elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI.

Developers will wish to ensure that in drawing up their development programme, the timetable for the investigation is included within the details of the agreed scheme.

A brief for the archaeological work can be obtained from this office upon request.

Regards,

Jess

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Jessica Cooper-Dunn