

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – PLANNING SERVICES

Environment & Heritage Team – Response to consultation by County Planning

ARCHAEOLOGY comments

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Consultation date: 24th May 2019

REF.: WSCC/041/19

LOCATION: Kilmarnock Farm, Charlwood Road, Ifield, RH11 0JY

PROPOSAL: Proposed Concrete Crushing and Soil Recycling Facility

RECOMMENDATIONS: No objection.

SUMMARY: No expected significant archaeological impact. Archaeological assessment and mitigation measures are not required.

COMMENTS:

There are no known archaeological sites or finds within the application area. Slight earthworks, thought to be remains of medieval ridge-and-furrow ploughing, have been identified through LiDAR survey on the other side of Charlwood Road, east of Cophal Wood, but were not detected in the field east of Kilmarnock Farm. The proposals should not be visible from the Ifield Court medieval moat Scheduled Ancient Monument to the south, i.e. they should have no visual impact upon the setting of the monument.

In this part of the Weald, the prehistoric, Roman and medieval landscapes are generally low-density. Because the application area is not large, any impact from the development upon presently unknown buried archaeological remains is most likely to be small-scale.

In conclusion, the probability of any archaeological impact is low and the scale of that impact expected to be small. Archaeological assessment and mitigation measures are not required.

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