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Good morning Kristaps

Thank you for your e-mail.

I have given pre-application advice to County Planning (Chris Bartlett) about this site (16.7.2019), although I did not know the site at that time by the name Woodlands Meed (should that be Woodlands Mead = old name for meadow? "Meed" means something quite different).

The prehistoric and Roman landscape of Burgess Hill was not densely occupied by settlements and fields. There hasn't been any previous archaeological work on the Woodlands Meed site. Archaeological investigations on adjacent land in 2008 (when Birchwood Grove Primary School was built) and in 2010, before the Ryeland Road/ Shearing Drive housing development was built to the west of the site only found a little archaeology; none of which could be shown definitely to be ancient and none significant.

I think it likely that any new archaeological investigation on the Woodlands Meed site would find more of the same, which would not merit any further investigation and recording. And I think that a Desk Based Assessment would come to the same conclusion, that the site is of low archaeological potential and that archaeological mitigation would not be necessary.

Therefore I confirm my recommendation in pre-application advice that a Desk Based Archaeological Assessment is not required; nor is other archaeological mitigation.

I have also recommended – to demonstrate that the possibility of archaeological impact has been considered - that there is a brief paragraph in one of the supporting documents – DAS or Planning Statement – to the effect that pre-application advice (archaeology) was sought from WSCC. And that in view of the minimal findings of archaeological investigation on two adjacent sites, WSCC's County Archaeologist did not consider that this scheme warranted archaeological assessment or mitigation.

I hope that this advice is useful.

John

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From: Zvejsalnieks, Kristaps [mailto:kris.zvej@fgould.com]
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Good afternoon John,

MDC are working on a feasibility study for the new Woodlands Meed College. It was recently mentioned by WSCC that Woodlands Meed College site may not require any archaeology surveys as some investigations on or around this site have already been carried out and had not significant findings. Could you please confirm if an initial desktop archaeology survey is required for this site or alternately please confirm if no further investigation is required? In blue letters below there is a brief description of the scheme and the proposed and existing plans. We are currently working based on Option 1 however other options have not been dismissed yet due to access issues for the construction traffic.

Please let me know if any more information is required.

The College is in Birchwood Grove Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0DP.

1.3. Woodlands Meed is a Foundation Special School for pupils with a wide range of special needs who live

in Mid Sussex. The school is maintained by WSCC. Woodlands Meed operates on two shared school sites.

The school site educates pupils aged 2 to 14 and the College site pupils aged 14 to 19. The College site is

shared with Birchwood Grove Primary School. This project is for a new College on the College site.

1.4. Woodlands Meed College site has approximately 100 students, in 10 class groups. The project will see

an expansion in the size of the College by approximately 30 students plus a post 19 Unit for 6 students.

Students in KS4 (14-16 years old) and KS5 (16-19 years old) attend the College, where the aim is to prepare

them for moving on to adult life, whether this be to the workplace, to further education or to supportive adult

provision. The curriculum is personalised to the needs of the pupils as far as possible. Some classes

concentrate on developing independence in daily living activities, whilst others follow certificated courses

leading to GCSEs, Entry Level Certificates or NVQs.

1.5. WSCC's vision for the new Woodlands Meed College is to deliver an inspirational and flexible building.

The aspiration is to provide a special, safe learning environment that provides for both staff and students, a

secure positive environment which enables a happy environment for both learning and positive social

interaction.

1.6. The high level, not to be exceeded construction cost budget is £16m. excluding fees and fit-

out costs
(ICT and FF&E).

Kind regards,

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