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Re: 23/504068/OUT – Land East of Albion Road and North of Copper Lane Marden

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application for removal of 2 agricultural sheds and erection of up to 117 dwellings with associated works.

The site of proposed development lies in an area of potential associated with prehistoric activity, particularly Bronze Age and Iron Age activity. There is also potential for medieval and later remains associated with the use of these fields which lie close to the medieval settlement of Marden. In view of this archaeological potential I recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

AR1a Prior to the commencement of development the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, will secure:

- i archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a specification and written timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and*
- ii further archaeological investigation, recording and reporting, determined by the results of the evaluation, in accordance with a specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority;*
- iii programme of post excavation assessment and publication.*

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined, recorded, reported and disseminated.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely

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