

To: Planning Department of Elmbridge Borough Council

From: Surrey County Council, Historic Environment Planning: Archaeology

Application Number: 2024/0122

Date Consultation Received: 09/05/2024

Address: Burhill Golf Club, Burhill, Hersham, Walton-On-Thames, Surrey, KT12 4BX

Proposal: Formation of irrigation reservoir.



Comments:

Thank you for consulting Surrey County Council's Historic Environment Planning Team regarding the above planning application. Please note that my response relates solely to the buried archaeological heritage and not to the historic built environment, which is a matter for your Conservation Officer.

There are potential archaeological implications associated with this proposed scheme, as demonstrated by the supporting document (Burhill Golf Course Burwood Road Walton on Thames Surrey KT12 4BX On behalf of Burhill Golf & Leisure Limited September 2022). This document assesses the potential for archaeological remains at the site and the potential for archaeological remains to be significantly impacted by proposals. Border Archaeology, the archaeological consultant who produced the document states that "the archaeological potential of the site does not present an impediment to the proposed development. Given the overall Moderate potential of the site in archaeological terms, it is recommended that an appropriate programme of archaeological work, the details of which to be agreed with the Planning Archaeologist for Surrey County Council, will be necessary to determine the extent, depth and significance of buried archaeological features and deposits across the site"

This office agrees with these findings and is satisfied that the recommendations are appropriate. It is therefore recommended that the following condition is applied should permission be granted in order to mitigate the impacts of development. This is in accordance with Paragraph 211 of the NPPF which states that local planning authorities should *'require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible'*.

Condition:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work, to be conducted in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

The site lies in an area of archaeological potential, particularly for, but not limited to, Prehistoric remains. The potential impacts of the development can be mitigated through a programme of archaeological work. This is in accordance with national and local plan policy.

In view of the nature and scale of the development and the low likelihood of the potential archaeology, should it exist, meriting preservation in situ, field evaluation through trial trenching would represent an appropriate initial phase of work in order to determine the archaeological potential and levels of previous truncation and the need for any further phases of work.

I would be pleased to discuss the approach with the applicant or their archaeological consultant should permission be granted.

Signed: Matthew Saywood, Archaeological Officer

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