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Subject: RE: P/OUT/2023/02644 - land west of Church Hill and land off Butts Close and Schoolhouse Lane, Marnhull

Good Afternoon Robert

Further to my initial response on Friday, I have now looked in detail at Wessex Archaeology's gradiometer survey report (ref: 265291.03).

In my opinion this geophysical survey, and the interpretation of the results, have been undertaken to a correct professional standard.

The survey has identified some potential archaeological features, but seemingly generally of relatively recent date and not of any great significance. I strongly suspect that any more detailed investigation of these features would not provide much information of value.

A point that always needs to be borne in mind with geophysical surveys is that they are not infallible – they can miss archaeological features. In this case, though, the identification of some features does indicate that such survey 'works' on this site. Also, the desk-based assessment has indicated a relatively low archaeological potential.

So while I cannot be certain that there are no significant archaeological remains on the site, my view is that there is not a sufficient case for me to advise of a need for any further archaeological evaluation or mitigation here. Hence my advice is that, based on the archaeological information that has been submitted to date, archaeological impact is not a matter that needs to be taken into account when determining this application.

Best wishes

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Hi Steve,

This application was refused and is now the subject of an appeal. In light of your earlier comments on this application they submitted the attached with their appeal submission. Could you please review and provided me with your comments?

Thank you.

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