Online Comment

Application	H23-0471-23
Location	BLEU RAYE FARM MILLGATE WHAPLODE PE12 6RY
Proposal	Erection of 19 holiday lodges, reception building, facility managers accommodation & maintenance shed, 2 fishing lakes and associated hard and soft landscaping

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For/Against	Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The site lies in an area of high archaeological potential associate with late Iron Age and Roman settlement activity. Cropmarks recording enclosures, tracks/roads and several small but closely grouped settlements. This activity is likely to extend onto the proposed site, although the site-specific potential has not yet been investigated.

The proposal for a new holiday park with lodges, facilities and fishing ponds includes highly intrusive groundworks which will remove any surviving archaeological remains either wholly or in part.

Further evaluation of the site will be necessary to properly assess the impact of the proposed development on any surviving archaeological remains present.

Recommendation:

Currently there is insufficient specific information on the archaeological potential for the site and the extent of impact to buried archaeological remains from the proposed development.

Given the known high archaeological potential, but as yet unknown character and extent, I recommend that the applicant submit the results of a geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation as part of this application. This work will aim to determine the presence, absence, significance, extent depth and character of any archaeological remains which could be impacted by the proposed development as noted above.

Trenching results are also essential for effective risk management and to inform programme scheduling and budget management. Failing to do so could lead to unnecessary destruction of heritage assets, potential programme delays and excessive cost increases that could otherwise be avoided.

This information should be provided with the application so that an informed planning recommendation can be made and to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 194 and 205.

This will also help inform an appropriate mitigation strategy for the proposed impact if necessary and should permission be subsequently granted.