

Online Comment

Application H23-0526-18
Location Adjacent: Red House Hill Farm Pipwell Gate Saracens Head PE12 8BA
Proposal Residential development - proposed house and garage

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For/Against Comments

This office has commented on previous applications for this site and I would like to reiterate these comments. This area north and south of Pipwell Gate is recorded as being part of a large-scale medieval industrial landscape containing extensive remains relating to salt making and in many saltern mounds, which are the waste material from salt making, are still visible in the area including just beyond the proposed development. There will be salterns which take the form of hearths, filtration beds, brine collection vats and other associated works located in this area. However we have no site specific information regarding their presence on this site. Medieval salterns, particularly those with surviving earthworks are rare and more information is needed before we can assess the significance of this site.

We have previously requested that an evaluation be conducted as presently there is insufficient evidence available with which to make any reliable observation regarding the impact of this development upon archaeological remains. I recommend that further information is required from the applicant in the form of an archaeological evaluation to be considered alongside the application. This evaluation should provide the local planning authority with sufficient information to enable it to make a reasoned decision on this planning application. This evaluation should take the form of trial excavation.

"Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation." - National Planning Policy Framework, section 12, paragraph 128.

Please ask the developer to contact this office and we will prepare a brief for the works.