

Historic Environment Record Consultation Report

for a

Heritage Statement

The National Planning Policy Framework (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2012) Section 128 states that: *In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. 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.*

In producing a Heritage Asset Statement to accompany an application (as required by section 128 of the NPPF), the relevant sections of this consultation record have been completed by the East Sussex Historic Environment Record.

The applicant should complete as many sections as possible (and in particular sections 9 and 10) before submitting the form to the Historic Environment Record (see end of form for details). If you are answering 'no' to questions regarding pre-application consultation please outline why.

Property Address

Beckley Primary School, Main Street, Beckley

Grid Reference

TQ 850238

1. Scheduled Monument (SM)

Does the proposal affect a Scheduled Ancient Monument or its setting?

No

If yes, has the applicant sought or obtained consent from English Heritage for the proposed works? Please provide details.

2. Archaeological Notification Area (ANA)

Does the site fall within an Archaeological Notification Area?

Yes

Has the County Archaeology Team been consulted on the proposals?

No. However information supplied indicates a trench foundation design to a depth of c. 650mm. It is unclear to what depth the current hard-standing has disturbed archaeological remains. Given the sites potential there will be a requirement for archaeological monitoring and recording secured by an appropriate planning condition.

If so, has an archaeological desk based assessment or field evaluation been carried out? If yes, please provide a copy with the application. If no, has such an evaluation been commissioned? Please provide details.

3. Listed Building

Does the site boundary contain a listed building or does the site form part of the setting of a listed building outside the site boundary?

No – the site is surrounded by five listed houses dating from 17th century to 19th century but none are likely to be impacted by the development.

If yes, please describe or illustrate how the special interest of the listed building and its setting is preserved by the proposals, having regard to the list description, national planning policy (NPPF), local planning policy and any building survey.

If the proposals involve demolition or part demolition of the building, has a structural survey of the building been carried out? If yes, please provide a copy with the application.

Have the proposals been discussed with a member of the Council's Conservation Team prior to submission of the application? If so please provide details, including any details of how the proposals might have been

amended to take account the comments of the Conservation Team.

4. Conservation Area

Does the site lie within a designated Conservation Area and does it contribute positively to the area? Does the proposal for the site affect the setting of a Conservation Area?

No

If yes to either question, please describe or illustrate how the proposals will preserve or enhance the appearance and character of the Conservation Area or its setting, having regard to any published Conservation Area Appraisal, National Planning Policy Framework and local planning policy.

Have the proposals been discussed with a member of the Council's Conservation Team prior to submission of the application? If so please provide details, including any details of how the proposals might have been amended to take account the comments of the Conservation Team.

5. Building of Local, Visual or Historic Interest

Does the site boundary contain a building of local, visual or historic interest (where known) or does the site form part of the setting of a building of local, visual or historic interest outside the site boundary?

No

If yes, please describe or illustrate how the special interest of the building of local, visual or historic interest and its setting is preserved by the proposals, having regard to the local planning policy.

If the proposals involve demolition or part demolition of the building, has a structural survey of the building been carried out? If yes, please provide a copy with the application.

Have the proposals been discussed with a member of the Council's

Conservation Team prior to submission of the application? If so please provide details, including any details of how the proposals might have been amended to take account the comments of the Conservation Team.

6. Historic Parks and Gardens

Is the site within a Registered or Locally Designated historic park or garden or is the proposal likely to affect the setting of an historic park or garden?

No

If yes, please describe or illustrate how the special interest of the historic park or garden and its setting is preserved by the proposals, having regard to the local planning policies.

7. Historic Battlefields

Is the site within an historic battlefield or does the site affect the setting of an historic battlefield?

No

If yes, please describe or illustrate how the special interest of the historic battlefield and its setting is preserved by the proposals.

Have the proposals been discussed with English Heritage prior to submission of the application? If so please provide details, including any details of how the proposals might have been amended to take account the comments of English Heritage.

8. Archaeological / historical background

Has the County Historic Environment Record (HER) provided information regarding the site and its immediate surrounding?

Yes

Summary of HER results.

Beckley is a known early medieval market village. The site lies in the centre of the area of the probable Saxon settlement. The site lies within the Archaeological Notification Area due to the likely survival of medieval and post medieval remains in the area. Historic mapping shows the school and listed buildings surrounding but that the footprint of the site has not been developed in the 19th or 20th centuries.

9. Recent past impact / archaeological potential of site

Provide a brief summary of past impact or disturbance to site, which may influence archaeological potential of site.

The original brick-built Victorian school building has had much more recent, flat-roofed extensions to the rear of the school, adjacent the playground and proposed location of the temporary classroom. The original building and subsequent extensions sit on finished ground level that is lower than the playground, therefore the foundations and services excavated for the proposed temporary classroom will likely extend to a lesser depth than those of the existing, permanent building on the site.

If the site has been subject to geo-technical investigation please provide a copy of report.

10. Proposed impact

Provide a summary (including where available plans and sections) of proposed below ground impacts, (e.g. size / depth of foundations / ground reduction, service connections) and or impact on the structure of an above ground heritage asset such as a building or earthwork.

Please refer to accompanying drawing 1836-103-A.

The above plan drawing shows the probable extent of the 500x650mm concrete foundations required beneath the proposed mobile classroom.

The plan also shows the provisional design for new surface and foul drain connections to serve the proposed temporary classroom. These shall be to varying depths (to engineer design) and will discharge into the existing drains on the site. To that end, the excavations for such shall be no deeper than the below ground services already found on the site.

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10. Proposed Impact (Continued)

The proposed classroom building shall require connection to services already supplied to the site; water and electricity and phone/data. These will be to engineer design which can be confirmed to the LPA at a later date as part of any conditions of approval that are deemed necessary. In the interim, we confirm that the engineer shall seek to minimise the extent of depth of any excavation to enable the supply of these buried services, and combine them in a single trench if at all possible.

Reference

National Planning Policy Framework:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicyframework/>

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