

A Guidance Note with regard to archaeology and Heritage Statements Winchester City Council

Heritage Statements will be required for validation purposes where development proposals will affect areas of significant archaeological remains and historic landscapes, including Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Registered Park & Gardens and Registered Battlefields.

Heritage Statements for archaeological (as opposed to Conservation) purposes will be required where ground disturbance is involved (for example, grubbing out of existing foundations, new foundations, ground reduction / leveling, installation of services and contamination remediation). Where development proposals affect above ground remains of archaeological significance (whether a building or structure) a Heritage Statement will also be required. Heritage Statements (*for archaeological purposes*) *will not* be required for certain types of development proposals; for example, the installation of satellite dishes or first floor (or higher) extensions where this does not involve ground disturbance.

The City Council has compiled a dataset of archaeological sites and areas where Heritage Statements may be required, depending on the type of application and nature of the development proposals –

- **Level 1** - Where any development proposal affects a Scheduled Ancient Monument a Heritage Statement will be required.
- **Level 2** - Where any development proposal entailing construction or other ground works is located within 50m of a Scheduled Ancient Monument a Heritage Statement will be required. The Heritage Statement must address the impact on the setting of the monument.
- **Level 3** - Where any development proposal entailing construction or other ground works is located within an area of defined Archaeological Importance a Heritage Statement will be required.
- Where any development proposal entailing construction or other ground works is located within an area defined as a significant Archaeological Site a Heritage Statement will be required. (*Constraint mapping for this level has not yet been defined*).

This dataset will continue to be maintained and updated as necessary and it is anticipated that it will be made available via the Winchester City Council website in due course. In the interim period potential applicants can check whether their site falls within an area where a Heritage Statement is required by contacting Planning Reception at Winchester City Council's Customer Service Centre ([Contact Details](#)). Prospective applicants can also check whether their application site falls within or lies in close proximity to a Scheduled Ancient Monument (or other designated areas) through the following web link - www.magic.gov.uk

It is strongly advised that Heritage Statements are compiled by a professional consultant or contractor so as to ensure that an appropriate statement is submitted.

Further information can be found within [National Planning Policy Guidance Note 16: Archaeology and Planning](#).

Applicants should be aware that other types of applications or development proposals may also have archaeological implications, but which do not require a Heritage Statement for validation purposes. Further information, similar to a Heritage Statement, may therefore be requested by the Winchester City Council Planning Officer following validation of an application.