



Planning Services  
Tendring District Council  
Council Officers  
Weeley  
Essex

Our ref:  
Date: 31/07/21  
Your ref 21/01000/FUL

### **Specialist Archaeological Advice**

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **21/01000/FUL – ST JOHNS PLANT CENTRE EARLS HALL ROAD CLACTON**

Thankyou for consulting Place Services on the above application.

A number of cropmark complexes in the surrounding area attest to the archaeological potential of the area of the proposed development. These include settlement enclosures, trackways and linear features of probable agricultural origin. Previous investigation within the surrounding area have shown the field systems to be of Roman origin. The recorded cropmarks are immediately adjacent to the site and can be expected to continue into the development area. There is potential for previous disturbance to the site through quarrying activities and the existing glasshouses, the scale of the quarrying is unclear and the depth of disturbance should be established through a limited programme of archaeological investigation in the first instance.

The following recommendations are made in line with the National Planning Policy Framework:

**RECOMMENDATION: A Programme of Archaeological investigation following demolition.**

**No development or preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until a programme of archaeological investigation has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, and approved in writing by the local planning authority.**

**Following demolition, no preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until the completion of the programme of archaeological investigation identified in the WSI defined in 1 above.**

**The applicant will submit to the local planning authority a post excavation assessment (to be submitted within six months of the completion of the**

fieldwork, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Planning Authority). This will result in the completion of post excavation analysis, preparation of a full site archive and report ready for deposition at the local museum, and submission of a publication report.

**Further Recommendations:**

A professional team of archaeologists should undertake the archaeological work. A brief outlining the level of archaeological investigation will be issued from this office on request. Tendring District Council should inform the applicant of the recommendation and its financial implications.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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**Historic Environment Officer**



***NOTE:** This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialists in relation to this particular matter.*