

To: Archaeology - Hampshire County Council Date: 24th November 2023
From: Southern Team Tel: 01264 368803

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Please complete and return to the case officer by **15 December 2023**

If no response is received by this date it will be taken that you have no comments to make.

Case Officer: Sarah Barter
Application No: 23/02722/FULLS
Proposal: Demolish pig sty and barn, erect two detached dwellings
Location: Bowers Farm, Pound Lane, Sherfield English, MELCHET PARK AND PLAITFORD
TPO: Yes/No
Conservation Area: Yes/No **Listed Building** **Yes/No**
Development Type: Minor Dwellings

Case Officer Comments:

Our constraints show an archaeology white designation on the site but on the omments from the Parish Council the first para talks about archaeological artifacts found previously on site. Do you have any comments please

Response on application as submitted

No Objection **No Comment** **Objection**
(subject to conditions) (specify planning reasons for refusal)

Conditions/Reasons for refusal:

Evidence of a Bronze Age site was discovered during the excavation of a sand pit immediately west of the proposed development. The pottery, loom weight and metal items suggest a settlement and the metal items in particular might suggest a site of some status. Previous applications for conversion did not address archaeological matters as it was regarded that conversion of an existing building had limited archaeological implications.

In this case the development will replace the existing structure on site, and ground impact will be greater than the foot pint of the existing building. I also note from the photograph supplied that the concrete apron on which the building is stood appears to be 'built up' from the ground level not dug in, with an implication that if the Bronze Age settlement extends into the development site any cut features may well survive despite the previous development on site.

I recommend that an archaeological condition is attached to any planning permission which might be issued to secure an archaeological watching brief during the relevant stages of development, to ensure that archaeological remains encountered are recognised and recorded, and a report of those findings made.

Other comments:

Consultee Name: David Hopkins (County Archaeologist)
Date of reply: 24/11/2023