

UTTC.01 Uttlesford District Council Heritage Impact Assessments.

Andrewsfield Garden Community West of Braintree:

Addendum - Archaeology text sections to be inserted into UDC HIA

9.5 Archaeological Potential.

9.5.1 The site of site of Andrewsfield Garden Community is located to the north side of the Colchester to Braughing Roman road (Stane Street) and is bounded by the river Pant to the east. Stebbing Brook and Pods Brook bound the southern site boundary. Evidence of human occupation has been recovered through surface finds and archaeological excavations. During World War II the northern section of the designated site area was utilised to construct the first airfield for the United States Army Airforce. After the war the site was sold for agriculture and the runways broken up for hardcore for the road works to the A120. In 1972 a civilian light airfield with a grass landing strip was laid out on the line of original main runway.

It must be considered that the potential below ground archaeology would be well preserved. However, the limited impact of post-war shallow ploughing should be considered.

9.5.2 Site and surrounding area contains evidence of human occupation from previous historic periods and from the HER records and the excavation reports the following archaeological potential of the site can be assessed as follows:

Period	Archaeological Potential
Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Periods:	Low
Bronze Age:	Low
Iron Age:	Moderate
Roman Period: Present in the form of villa complex with bath house, industrial site with tile kiln, metal working, workshop, building. Pottery, tile, tesserae, ditches, sculpture, road	High
Saxon Period: Existence of Saxon settlements surrounding the site recorded in the Domesday Book	Moderate
Medieval Period: Present in the form of field boundaries, possible church remains, ancient woodlands.	Moderate
Post Medieval Period:	Moderate

Any development undertaken on the site would have the potential to adversely impact upon the below ground archaeological remains. It is essential that any development must be take into account the below ground archaeology and designed to minimise its impact upon it.