

UTTC.01 Uttlesford District Council Heritage Impact Assessments.

Easton Park Garden Community:

Addendum - Archaeology text sections to be inserted into UDC HIA

8.5 Archaeological Potential.

8.5.1 The site of site of Easton Park is bounded on the south by the Colchester to Braughing Roman road (Stane Street), the river Roding to the west and the river Chelmer to the east . This situation with suitable water supply and a major east-west road has allowed the site to be in use throughout a number of historical periods including Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and Medieval. Evidence of human occupation has been recovered through surface finds and archaeological excavations including a section of the Cambridge to Matching Green pipeline that runs through the western edge of the site.

During World War II the sub-medieval deer park was utilised as an airfield which involved the removal of the some 10,000 trees. After the site was sold for agriculture for which it is currently employed. From pervious excavations it must be considered that the potential below ground archaeology would be well preserved. However, the removal of the trees from the park and the limited impact of post-war shallow ploughing should be considered.

8.5.2 Site and surrounding area contains evidence of human occupation from the Palaeolithic period onwards. From the HER records and the excavation on the site for the route of Cambridge to Matching Green pipeline the following archaeological potential of the site assessed as follows:

Period	Archaeological Potential
Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Periods:	Low
Bronze Age: Present in the form of mortuary and domestic activity	High
Iron Age: Present in the form farmsteads,	High
Roman Period: Present in the form of roads, farmsteads, mortuary and domestic activity. Recovered pottery , tegula and imbrex tiles and flue tiles.	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, pottery kilns, roads and areas of domestic occupation.	High
Post Medieval Period: An informal deer park, Easton Park, dominates the central part of the site although possibly effected by airfield construction	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.

8.5.3 In 2018 the Historic Environment Record held 84 records for undesignated heritage assets within the site area or immediately adjacent to it. Outside of the study area other monuments and finds have been recorded and although outside of the area of report they contribute to the understanding of the usage of the surrounding landscape.