



FAO: Planning Department,
Adur and Worthing Councils

Application ref: AWDM/0180/26
Date: 10 April 2026

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVICE

RE: Church Of St Mary De Haura, Church Street, Shoreham-by-sea

The application is for Replacement of doors to the south transept, installation of a post externally within the grounds of the church to mount a button to automate the doors, installation of below ground drainage to facilitate installation of WC facilities.

The West Sussex Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the proposed development is located in an area with the potential for significant archaeological remains to survive. St Mary's Church is located within the historic medieval core of Shoreham, as it was prior its expansion in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (HER DWS8591). The Church itself is Grade I listed and dates from the twelfth century, with later thirteenth and fifteenth century additions (HER MWS855).

The groundworks associated with the proposals have the potential to impact on significant archaeological deposits, including building remains related to the church and its development since its construction, but also, most prominently, human remains relating to the site's use as a burial ground since at least the twelfth century.

Given this, I recommend a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording is undertaken on any groundworks associated with the proposals, including, but not limited to, the lifting and lowering of floor-levels, the installation of service trenches and any ground investigations. The submitted Written Scheme of Investigation suitably outlines the methodology and archiving commitments of a scheme of archaeological monitoring and recording.

To understand the significance of archaeological deposits impacted by the proposal, a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording is being recommended in line with paragraph 218 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) and Adur Local Plan Policy 17. A recognised team of professionals should undertake the archaeological work. The archaeological potential beneath the site needs to be further understood by a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording.



In view of the above, I recommend that the following condition is placed on any permission:

RECOMMENDATION: Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

In accordance with the submitted Written Scheme of Investigation, the applicant will submit a final archaeological report or (if appropriate) a Post Excavation Assessment report for approval by the Local Planning Authority. This shall be submitted within 6 months of the date of completion of the archaeological fieldwork unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Local Planning Authority.

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