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Subject: Re: PL/2025/06704 : Land North of Boundary Farm, Berryfield Lane,
Melksham, SN12 6EF

Isobella

I see you have been allocated this application

The council archaeologist has already commented and I thought it prudent to address this now

He acknowledges that the site was subject to a application back in 2012 for the re-positioning of the wilts & berks canal under reference W/12/01080/FUL.

He mentions this application had several archaeological surveys which revealed potential for archaeological interest in the site. He then goes onto suggest trial trenching is thus required for this application to identify the potential.

However this is not needed for this application, as trial trenching was already performed for the area. See attached document, which shows that back in 2012 they did perform the trial trenching for the area (and wider area as it was for the entire canal route)

If you look at the attached document, the application site falls within area 11 as identified in the document. The report shows that 3 trenches were excavated for this area to identify the potential features that the lidar scanner identified.

The trenches were No. 7, 8 & 9 were excavated.

Trench 7 revealed no archarlogical features,

Section 6 of the report shows the results of what was found in trench 8 & 9

Mainly trench 8 revealed some bonze age & romano pottery fragments,

As a result of this trial trenching I don't feel this needs to be done again, and the council's archaeologist can now comment further using this information.

Best Regards

Richard Harlow

