

## ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE DEFINITIONS

### Land Acquisition Appraisal

A rapid search of available archaeological information.

### Archaeological/ Cultural Heritage Assessment

Desk-based research of available archaeological information, historic buildings, air photographs and historic maps.

The results determine if an Archaeological Evaluation is required.

### Archaeological Evaluation

Small scale fieldwork to determine the nature and presence of archaeological deposits. Includes fieldwalking, geophysical survey, trial trenching and test pits.

### Archaeological Mitigation

Excavation and watching brief, also redesign of development to avoid sensitive archaeological deposits.



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## Archaeological consultancy and the planning process

EDP offers heritage consultancy services that are independent from local planning authority archaeologists and fieldwork contracting organisations. Cost effective and independent archaeological advice is provided for all aspects of planning and development, including for land acquisition appraisals.

### Land appraisal

Archaeological features are not always visible on the ground surface and can be overlooked when assessing the purchase value of land. A rapid archaeological appraisal can provide vendors or purchasers with the likely costs should the land be developed.

### Planning applications

Planning policy recommends the identification of archaeological issues early in the planning process before a planning permission is granted. Archaeological work can include desk-based assessment and small scale fieldwork (evaluation) and the results of this work help inform the planning process. Although it is unusual for planning permission to be refused on archaeological grounds, there may be requirements for post-determination mitigation work – especially if construction work cannot avoid damaging archaeological deposits.

### After planning permission – mitigation

If archaeological deposits are to be damaged or destroyed, excavations may be required. In less sensitive areas, a watching brief may be more appropriate.

### EDP as archaeological project managers

EDP scopes the potential for archaeology by preparing Archaeological Assessments and then manages the fieldwork processes. We negotiate with local authorities on the level of work required and obtain costings through tendering or using preferred contractors.

EDP provides a full range of archaeological and cultural heritage services:

- Land Acquisition Appraisals
- Archaeological Assessment
- Fieldwork Management
- Historic Buildings Assessment
- Scheduled Monument Consent
- Local Authority/English Heritage Negotiations
- Planning Applications
- Planning Appeals
- Archaeological Mitigation
- Heritage Management

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