

I have commented and spoken at the Open hearing on the archaeology and heritage of this area.

I noted and went to visit several of the new areas of trenching that was being done at the request of the inspector due to the paucity of previous archaeological trenching and research commissioned by the developers in the original instance. Even with the new trenches that have been done, this site is now a complete outlier due to its lack of archaeological assessment with sites like this having a recommendation of 4 - 5% of the land assessed.

The total number of trenches done up to now is well below this.

But my real question now, is where is the updated report on the new trenches, where were they put on site. How were the areas selected for sample trenches and what was found and recommendations for expanding those trenches due to things found.

With the pile driving going up to 3m into the ground, any archaeology present and not found due to the sheer lack of sampling, will destroy any evidence of people who have inhabited our precious countryside over generations and hundreds, indeed possibly thousands of years before us.

How can you let this happen??