

SLRA response to ABC Ashford Heritage Strategy public consultation

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association (SLRA) has been active for over thirty years representing the collective interests of the residents of Sandyhurst Lane and all adjacent roads which constitute its neighbourhood of 340 dwellings. The mission statement of the Association is *“Protecting the rural character of Sandyhurst Lane and the adjoining area”*.

We note with interest that the area covered by our Association (marked as **‘Sandyhurst Lane area’** on the map below) includes significant areas identified in the Heritage Strategy as “Areas of Archaeological Potential” (shown in brown). These areas include part or all of four potential development sites identified in the Local Plan 2030 (and Main Changes thereto) and/or submitted for consideration in the Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Neighbourhood Plan.

These sites are S20 – Eureka Park, MC26: S47 – Land to the East of Hothfield Mill, BAE2 – Former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane and BAE5 – Braehead, Sandyhurst Lane.

We welcome the statement in para 2.2.15 that the areas of archaeological potential provide *“a broad indication of areas where careful assessment of the potential impact on heritage should form part of the determination of planning applications and where KCC Heritage Conservation should be consulted.”*

We therefore look to the planning authority to ensure that a relevant condition is included for any of the aforementioned potential developments which are approved, in accordance with Policy ENV15.

