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Additional information from Caversfield Parish Council

Since additional information is now being introduced to the Appeal by the Applicant, the Council would like to bring the Inspector's attention to a document (*Caversfield Social History*) which was provided to the Council during the Appeal Hearing.

The document shows the historical connection between the Airfield, St. Laurence's church, Home Farm, and Caversfield House and was created by a former Home Farm resident in 2021.

The Council hopes that the Inspector will find it interesting, especially the 4th paragraph on the front page.

> *"In recent years there is some question as to whether the high verges outside the church were actually Saxon stone walls of a fort dating back to this time. Digs are due to take place to try and find out more."*

The Council understands that that the heritage work undertaken for the Applicant was all done within the curtilage of the appeal site; however, since creating a pathway along the B4100 is a crucial element of the Applicant's case for building houses in this area, consideration must be taken of the possibility of a Saxon fort, and a decision reached as to what effect such a structure would have on the proposed plans, and whether the planned site can continue without such investigation.

Also, the verge width along the proposed pathway may not be sufficient for the proposed work and could cause issues with the stability of the stone walls around Caversfield House.

Again, the Council continues to object to the proposals.