

**COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF 21 APRIL 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 7 - QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL  
PROCEDURE RULE NO 5.6**

The following question has been asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.6 by Mr Matt Johnson, Chairman, Snodland Historical Society:

Re: Archaeological concerns at the proposed development site SN1: Land north of Holborough Lakes, Snodland

“The proposed development area is in very close proximity to a previously excavated prehistoric ring ditch, a Roman tumulus, and an Anglo-Saxon burial mound. Multiple graves of great historical significance have previously been discovered in this area.

What considerations and/or risk assessments are being given to archaeological surveys and the subsequent preservation of any potential historical artefacts that might be uncovered?”

**Response of the Cabinet Member for Planning (Cllr M Taylor) is set out below:**

As part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, a Heritage Impact Risk Assessment is undertaken which assesses the likelihood of the risk of harm arising from development for the emerging site allocations. This was carried out for the Regulation 18 consultation and as part of the Regulation 19 Local Plan submission, more detailed assessments will be carried on site allocations. The methodology for carrying these assessments is set out on the Council's website. The purpose of the assessments is to ensure that harm to the significance of a heritage asset is avoided or minimised, where possible, and to identify opportunities for better revealing their significance.

Information obtained from the HIA can then be used for any site specific policy requirements as part of the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

More detailed Heritage Assessments are then carried out at the application stage with Heritage England and our Heritage advisors consulted where certain criteria are met.