



**Historic
Buildings**

London and Middlesex Archaeological Society

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The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) promotes London's archaeology, local history, and historic buildings. The LAMAS Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee reviews planning applications relating to important historic buildings and seeks to ensure a sustainable future for vital aspects of London's built heritage.

The Committee approves the proposed construction of an open air swimming pool in the back garden.

However, there seems to be no mention in the application relating to archaeology, despite being within an Area of Archaeological Priority. The site could relate to the medieval village of Clapham, and have antecedents going back to prehistory.

The depth to be excavated is greater than normally triggers archaeological interest, and is over a significant area. Any chance of archaeological prospecting within an Area of Archaeological Priority should be welcomed.

We suggest that approval for the works should be conditional on a requirement to engage a professional archaeological contractor to visit the excavation while in progress, with a brief to record any item of archaeological interest.

Kind regards.

Vicki Fox (Hon. Secretary)
LAMAS – Historic Buildings & Conservation Committee

24 June 2024

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