ASSUMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Standard assumptions, exclusions and notes for:

- **Archaeological survey (geophysical, metal detector, fieldwalking)**
- **Archaeological evaluation (trial trenching, test-pitting, borehole evaluations)**
- **Archaeological watching brief/monitoring**
- **Archaeological excavation (strip, map and sample (SMS) and open area excavation)**
- **Post-fieldwork assessment, reporting and publication**

Unless specifically stated to the contrary in our fee proposal, we assume that the client is responsible for:

- Providing unhindered access to all parts of the site.
- Providing information on services (utilities) and modern mapping. Plant hire and operators, banksmen etc. Storage of spoil, and backfilling.
- Statutory consents, notifications and licenses.
- Dealing with unexploded ordnance (UXO).
- Site fencing and security (other than locally deep areas within archaeological excavations)
- Dealing with soil contamination (e.g. special arrangements for working around hydrocarbons or asbestos) Dealing with ecological issues (e.g. alterations to method statement due to nesting birds).
- Repairing land drains broken in the course of intrusive works.
- Resurfacing or specialist reinstatement of excavated areas after closing trenches (e.g. tarmac or re-turfing/seeding). Ensuring areas requiring survey (e.g. geophysical survey) have not been rough ploughed, are not overgrown, and do not contain livestock or bloodstock.
- Ensuring sites are not covered with parked cars, skips, piles of rubbish etc.
- Ensuring the site is protected from flooding.
- Providing digital scaled plans and elevations of the structures to be recorded (Building Recording). Simultaneous access to buildings, and power supplies (Building Recording).
- Artificial lighting (indoors or outdoors)
- Provision of goalposts for overhead electric cables
- Formal discharge of planning conditions with the relevant local planning authority

The following are excluded from our fee proposals unless specified otherwise, and will require variations in the contract if they arise:

Exceptionally complex archaeology: In the event that unforeseen archaeology is uncovered, a bespoke variation in the contract will need to be agreed. This may have a knock-on effect on the cost of finds storage and processing, archiving, post-excavation assessment, and publication costs, which will be additional to the fieldwork.

Excavation, processing and analysis of human skeletal remains, and significant animal remains (e.g. horses): All estimates of post-excavation costs are provisional and may be subject to change.

Fieldwork: Fieldwork required outside the hours specified in the contract will be charged at extra rates, to be agreed.

Stoppage: Delays or pauses in fieldwork activities which are beyond our control (e.g. plant runs out of fuel).

Utilities: The unforeseen presence of services unduly affecting the working methodology.

Weather: Fieldwork continues in all weathers. However, severely adverse weather conditions can cause delays or affect the working methodology.

Training and inductions: Training and inductions needed as part of the control of the site will be treated as working time.

Notes:
Where archaeological fieldwork is quoted on a fixed fee basis, should the estimated number of days on site, or number of trenches reduce, it should not be arithmetically assumed that fees will reduce proportionately per day/per trench. Fees proposals are more complex than this.
We cannot act as principal contractor under CDM Regulations.