

Archaeology While no Scheduled Monuments or known archaeological sites are affected by either route, there is the potential for the exposure of previously unrecorded archaeological sites and artefacts. A programme of archaeological assessment will be undertaken in advance of any construction work to allow the nature of any surviving archaeological deposits to be understood. This work would include desk-based research, examination of relevant documentary references and historic maps and, possibly, a geophysical survey.

Based on the results of this work and due to the differences in ground conditions the sites would be investigated as follows:-

Hillside Route a series of trenches would be excavated to check whether archaeological remains are present or survive.

Western Route: this route involves the removal of two sections of hedge bank - one a field boundary, the other associated with Downeshead Lane. Both boundaries and any colluvium would be subject to a programme of archaeological investigation, sampling and recording to be undertaken prior to the construction of the road. Any colluvium on the upper side of the bank may contain important palaeoenvironmental information on past environmental conditions and land-use.

For both routes the results of the above investigations would then be used to set out what further archaeological investigations would be required.



KEY

- Listed Building Point
- Conservation Area

Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings

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