



Planning • Heritage

Specialist & Independent Advisors to the Property Industry

Archaeology Team

CgMs Experience

CgMs is the largest independent archaeological consultancy in the UK operating out of offices in London, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Edinburgh, Kettering and Newark. Our advice is pragmatic, commercial and focused on minimising our clients costs. We negotiate robustly with LPAs to minimise the scope of fieldwork and to agree design solutions where appropriate.

Why use CgMs?

CgMs have a long standing reputation for commercial awareness and a pragmatic problem solving approach.

We offer a rapid appraisal of any site nationwide. This provides an early indication of the archaeological potential and the likely costs and pitfalls. We can add best value when we are approached early in project planning or prior to site purchase.

We are a Registered Archaeological Organisation with the Institute for Archaeologists. All of our work is conducted to appropriate professional guidelines. Our approach is client centred and driven to enable our clients to achieve their development objectives.

Our experience is unparalleled, both in terms of geographical coverage and the spectrum of projects. This depth of experience aids our negotiation with LPAs and enables us to identify and agree innovative solutions to client's archaeological problems. We also have unparalleled heritage expert witness experience in Public Inquiries throughout the country.

We differentiate ourselves by our commitment to our client's projects and goals. our aim is to ensure all archaeological work undertaken is absolutely necessary and appropriate both in terms of scope and timing. We will rapidly identify known constraints to development. Where appropriate, we will negotiate to defer archaeological costs to post-determination. We will provide or obtain fixed costs for all work undertaken and we will ensure that work is conducted within the agreed budget.

We offer an entirely independent and confidential service. We have no ties with local authorities or specific archaeological contractors.



We provide the same level of service irrespective of the size of the development. We operate on schemes as diverse as house extensions to multi million pound developments. Our approach is aimed at tackling questions such as does any archaeology need dealing with it all and if so, how can it be dealt with quickly, cost-effectively and with least risk to programme?

Services offered in-house

- Advice on and the discharge of planning conditions.
- Advice on the need for, cost and duration of works.
- Desk based assessments.
- Expert evidence at Planning Inquiries.
- Historic landscape characterisation including buildings and hedgerows.
- Industrial and military archaeological advice.
- Preparation of briefs for field work.
- Review of development plan policies and boundaries of designated or proposed sites of archaeological interest.
- Specification, tendering and project management of field evaluations and excavations.

Commissioned Services

We commission more archaeological fieldwork on a greater range of projects than anyone else in the country. We are therefore able to appoint the best contractor for the job at extremely competitive rates.

Key sectors

| Residential | Commercial | Distribution Centres | Retail & Leisure | Energy (particularly wind energy)
| Public Sector

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