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As discussed I have no problems with either of the submitted archaeological reports:

1. *White Rock 2, Paignton, Devon* - An archaeological magnetometer survey report 1704 WHI-R-1 May 2017
2. *Cultural Heritage Assessment of The Proposed Inglewood Development, South of White Rock, Brixham Road Paignton, Torbay.* Tim Gent & Pru Manning Archædia Report 1193.2 October 2017

Both present *prima facie* evidence for prehistoric archaeological deposits in the form of ring-ditches and enclosures, and also for (less tangibly though) a Saxon period farmstead. The second document, under **Mitigation**, Chapter 8, second para, page 25 makes the recommendation:

“In order to determine the date, character and state of preservation of potential archaeological features within the site, assessment of identified heritage assets should be undertaken through the excavation of evaluation trenches, positioned to target identified below ground features. Apparent ‘blank’ areas should also be tested.” This would be my advice also. The paragraph also contains the plea that: “The applicants would prefer to undertake this as a condition following determination of the outline submission.”

Historic England’s general advice is that field evaluation should be undertaken pre-determination, it is also implicit in para 128 of the NPPF. At the Yannons farm site, south of Yalberton Road large scale evaluation was undertaken in May and September 2016 pre-determination, but this was for a full application. However if outline permission is being considered with all matters reserved I would not object were the evaluation to be set as a condition; on the understanding that it was to precede the determination of all other reserved matters.

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