

# Criteria for the designation of Areas of archaeological potential (AAPs)

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It is crucial to recognise that while historic buildings and archaeological monuments that are upstanding or otherwise known can be identified, listed, and so protected, a vast stock of archaeological information in Jersey remains unknown, buried in the ground or contained by the fabric of more recent development. The potential for this type of archaeology may be indicated by proximity to already known sites or areas of archaeological interest or by their topographical setting (e.g. a level terrace or hilltop). A similar situation can occur where a superficially nondescript building is suspected, by its location, form or history, to conceal an earlier structure.

The basis for designating areas of archaeological potential will be where there exists evidence of known archaeological significance, based on the designation of a listed place, but where it is possible to infer the likelihood of the survival of other archaeological material; where there are find spots of limited artefact evidence, or where other documentary evidence might indicate the potential existence of archaeology.

The criteria for their designation has been defined as follows;

- **Association with archaeological evidence:** AAPs will normally be extrapolated by association with areas of known archaeological significance, whether extant or recorded but destroyed i.e. they will be adjacent to or include one or more listed places or be derived from undisputed sites of archaeological value that have been previously recorded.

The evidence must be such that the land contained within the boundary of the AAP can reasonably be considered to contain archaeologically sensitive material;

- **Limited artefact and documentary evidence:** AAPs may also be defined on the basis of evidence which suggests the potential for archaeological remains. This might include find spots of limited artefact evidence, field names or old maps which indicate the potential presence of earlier land use or structures;
- **Building age or type:** AAPs may be defined in association with the listing of buildings or particular building types, such as industrial or military structures where there is the possibility that the fabric of an older building may be incorporated within more recent construction or where it may lay beneath the current building or site.