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I appreciate that the date for commenting on the proposed Ryedale plan for potential development sites has now passed but would like to be reassured that any developments covered by the plan would be undertaken with appropriate mitigation strategies with reference to the archaeological assets. I am not in any way against the development within and around the villages in Ryedale and appreciate the need for housing in particular.

I have looked at some of the maps and notice that in the case of Rillington and Sherburn in particular the sites proposed cover significant archaeological assets, including, for instance, a scheduled monument in Rillington. This is a site I know well and although I am of the opinion that this site could be de-scheduled subject to full archaeological investigation it must be appreciated that the costs for this would be in excess of a million pounds (a small premium in terms of the scale of development).

Now that NYCC, who are fully aware of the research we have undertaken in the Vale of Pickering since 1978, are less involved in local planning issues I wonder if there would be some benefit in my offering a seminar on the Archaeology of Ryedale for the planners in particular at Ryedale House or even here in Yedingham. In response to seeing the results of our work the former Chief Archaeologist of English Heritage declared that ' the buried landscape of Heslerton is every bit as important as that of Stonehenge' a point raised in the Vale of Pickering: Statement of Significance (<http://m.northyorks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22214&p=0>)

for a snapshot view you may wish to look at the Landscape Research Centre Digital Atlas of the Vale of Pickering, this is a unique resource and incorporates the results of air survey work and the largest archaeological geophysical survey in the world.

to use this resource you must use the Firefox browser and you need to download and install the Google Earth plugin

<https://thelrc.wordpress.com/lrc-digital-atlas/>

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