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Archaeology.

Historic England refers only to the fact that this site was once part of the Bishop of London's hunting estate. However the area of the copse has a more recent history. One can see the hedge on older maps eg 1869 25 inch, but the site itself was a field. When the houses in Broadlands Road were built some gardens extended over where the copse is now.

Aerial photos from 1946 appear to show the southern end of the gardens ie where the copse is now, were turned over to 'Digging for Britain'. The pattern was still there in aerial photos taken in 1950. It would seem that the school only acquired the land rather later. This may be of archaeological interest and it would be worth analysing the photos to see if further research would be profitable.



That part of the copse, where they propose clearing it and digging a 'flood basin', should be carefully excavated and supervised by an archaeologist.

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