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Location: Golden Lion , Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent

Proposal: Extension to The Lion public house garden and associated alterations to access arrangements to the adjacent winery and associated works

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential and there has been a building at the site since at least the early 19th century. The early 19th century Tithe map records a rectangular building in an area Golden Lion building which may be part of the present public house. The 1st Ed. OS map of 1862 – 1875 records a building (presumed to be the historic core of the present-day public house) having been built adjoining the western end of the first rectangular building. By the time of the 2nd Ed. OS map of 1897 – 1900 the Golden Lion Public House is recorded by name and the rectangular building to its east is recorded as four units in a terrace. The 2nd Ed. OS mapping also illustrates additions to the Golden Lion on the west and southern sides. The row of four units was still extant in the 1940s, as evidenced from RAF aerial photography, but had been demolished at some time before 1990 by which time a car park had been created in that area to the east of the public house.

The location of the public house and its position in the landscape, notably how Luddesdown Road deviates around the position of the building are suggestive that the part of the current structure is either of some age or has replaced an earlier building on the site and as such it is recommended that the local conservation officer is consulted on this application.

The groundworks associated with the proposed development however are of a low impact and as such I would not recommend any archaeological conditions on the development.

I would be happy to discuss any of the above further.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Archaeological Officer