

20220207 - Ascot Arms Central Avenue Gravesend DA12 5AW

KCC Heritage 25 May 2022

The Archaeological Heritage Asset Assessment by Souterrain Archaeological Services Ltd (ref SOU21-723) February 2021 is thorough and supports the understanding that the site has archaeological potential.

As the past development of the site will have had some impact on any below-ground archaeological remains, I think that the most practical approach would be to attach the following condition to any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of

- i. archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and
- ii. following on from the evaluation, any safeguarding measures to ensure preservation in situ of important archaeological remains and/or further archaeological investigation and recording in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure appropriate assessment of the archaeological implications of any development proposals and the subsequent mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record.

The field evaluation would take the form of trial trenching which could be undertaken before or after demolition and I would be happy to provide the applicant with a brief for the field evaluation on request.