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2022 1110 – Land at Brookers Farmyard, Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent

Engineering works to construct a formal car parking area for Vineyard Farms Ltd office, and winery and vineyard workers; and other users of Brookers Farm.

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential with a record of the site of possible later prehistoric or Romano-British activity in the form of crop marks c.80m to the east of the site. The proposed works would be likely to impact on any below-ground archaeological remains at the site and I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied 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.

I recommend that the field evaluation could comprise a geophysical survey in the first instance to limit physical impacts to the site. The detail of the approach would depend on the extent and depth of groundworks and I would be happy to discuss any of the above further and provide the applicant with a brief for the work on request.

Yours sincerely

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