

20240199 Dalefield Industrial Park Dalefield Way Gravesend Kent

KCC Heritage 17.5.24

Thank you for consulting us on this application and apologies for this delayed response. I hope that you are still able to take account of these comments.

The site lies within an Archaeological Notification Area, but the application has been made without an Archaeological Desk Based Assessment. Part of the wider Dalefield Way site was subject to field evaluation in 2016/7 (TVAS) but no archaeology was recorded as the evaluation only focussed on the topsoil and subsoil above later alluvial and not on what lay below the alluvium, which is where the most significant archaeological remains might be expected to exist. Part of the site at the time was not subject to field evaluation as it was occupied by a spoil heap.

The location of the two proposed works was not subject to evaluation and therefore it remains uncertain whether archaeological remains exist or whether they would be impacted by the proposed development.

I therefore 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 would be happy to discuss any of the above and agree a specification for field evaluation with the applicant on request.