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**Re: 20211377 | Rose Cottage, Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2PP**

**Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 3 no. 3 bedroomed dwellings and creation of new vehicle crossovers.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application. The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential. Apart from Rose Cottage, which appears to date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, it would appear from historic mapping that much of the site has not been built on in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Any below-ground archaeological remains at the site may therefore be relatively undisturbed. The proposed development may impact on any archaeological remains at the site and therefore I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition be 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.**

Rose Cottage, whilst not designated, is of some historic interest and should be subject to Historic England Level 2 recording in advance of demolition. The following condition would secure the necessary work:

***No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording in***

*accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*

**Reason:** To ensure that historic building features are properly examined and recorded.

I hope that this is helpful and would be happy to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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