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Re: 20230757 - Manor Hotel, Hever Court Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5UQ

Redevelopment of the site for a residential development comprising 12 new houses with associated access, private amenity space, vehicle parking provision, refuse and cycle storage

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application.

The application site lies within an area of archaeological interest with evidence for human activity from prehistoric periods to the present day. The site lies adjacent to the line of the Roman Watling Street with the potential for below ground archaeological remains associated with the road and adjacent activity of Romano-British and subsequent date. To understand the archaeological potential of the site and to ensure the appropriate mitigation of any impacts I recommend the following condition is placed on 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 pleased to discuss the above further and provide the applicant with a brief for part (i) upon request.

Yours sincerely

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