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Re: 20260207

Proposed development: Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.

Location: Land North Of, Camer Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent

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

The site lies within an area of archaeological potential associated with medieval and post-medieval settlement. In the wider area of Meopham there is archaeological evidence for prehistoric and Romano-British activity.

The Desk Based Assessment (Iceni 2025) puts the site into a broad archaeological context while highlighting that there is little recorded archaeological evidence for the location, layout and size of the medieval settlement of Meopham

While the DBA correctly highlights that positive evidence of archaeological deposits near the site are low, it should be noted that the lack of known sites dating to archaeological periods within the local area may be due to the paucity of archaeological work carried out within the local area rather than necessarily a lack of archaeology within the landscape.

Camer Road that bounds the site to the south is potentially an ancient trackway as it follows the topography of the landscape to the north of the site via Sole Road to connect with the important roman route of Watling Street to the north and Wrotham Street to the southwest which is also considered to be an ancient trackway.

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The geophysical survey (Magnitude Surveys 2025) identified multiple anomalies primarily to the north of the site however potential features were identified across the entirety of the site, and these have potential to be of archaeological significance. Several of the anomalies identified appear to form ring ditches and enclosures and potentially may have a ritual function.

KCC were consulted on this site by Iceni in November 2025 and gave advice on the need for pre-determination archaeological trenching targeted on the identified geophysical anomalies. This would be in line with the approach laid out in in paragraph 9.68 of the Environmental Statement Chapter 9: Archaeology (Iceni 2026) and in line with paragraph 207 of NPPF 5.

I therefore recommend that prior to determination of this application that targeted trenching is essential to ensure that informed decisions are made.

I hope the above is helpful and would be pleased to discuss further if required.

Yours sincerely

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