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**Re: 2021 11037 – 55 Rochester Road, Gravesend, Kent,
Relocation of 5no. car parking spaces and erection of 3no. 2 bedroom self-contained
flats and 3no. additional car parking spaces.**

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

The site lies immediately to the north of the medieval church and cemetery of St Mary's. The site has the potential to contain below-ground archaeological remains associated with the medieval and subsequent settlement at Denton and the proposed development has the potential to impact on any below-ground archaeological remains at the site. I recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

AR5 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 evaluation on request.

Yours sincerely

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