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2022/1259 – The Haven, Brimstone Hill, Meopham, Gravesend Kent

Demolition of two dwellings, erection of 2no. contemporary dwellings, with associated parking, garden land and landscaping.

Thank you for consulting us on this application and my apologies for the delayed response.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential surrounding Meopham, including evidence for prehistoric activity c.250m to the west of the site. Groundworks associated with the proposed development, including landscaping, may impact on below-ground archaeological remains as well as any earthworks within the woodland of the southern part of site, and I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied to any forthcoming consent:

To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded during development works:

- A) Prior to any development works the applicant (or their agents or successors in title) shall secure an archaeological watching brief so that excavations and other development works are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**
- B) The archaeological watching brief, recording, post excavation assessment, analysis and reporting shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed specification and timetable.**
- C) Within 6 months of the completion of the watching brief a Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.**

REASON: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded in accordance with local and national planning policies.

I would be happy to discuss any of the above further and provide a brief for the works upon request.

Yours sincerely

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