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Re: 20250763

Location: Land at Dalefield Way (East), Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2FL

Proposed Development: Change of use of the land for open storage (B 8 use) primarily for equipment and operations related to Dalefield Way Industrial Park (B 8 use) with associated installation of hardstanding/ surface treatment, security fencing/ gates access, a soft landscaping mound, and erection of temporary office cabins.

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

My predecessor Casper Johnson has previously commented via email on this application (15/09/2025) highlighting the requirement for an Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment to provide information on any decision in accordance with NPPF policy.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential, especially for later prehistoric archaeology associated with the formation of the Westcourt Marsh wetlands.

Iron age and Romano-British dated features are within noted within c.150-300m to the south and southwest of the proposed development.

In the absence of a DBA, I would recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

AR4 *No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that the excavation is observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a written programme and specification which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further and can provide a specification on request.

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Yours sincerely

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