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Re: 20250937 – 90 Downs Rd, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent, DA13 9HQ

Erection of a 3-bed detached residential property and garage.

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The site of application lies within the area of a paleochannel tributary which has palaeolithic potential and palaeolithic artefacts and deposits may be present within the area of development.

Additionally, cropmarks of an enclosure along with potentially associated roman dated finds are noted c.770m to the northwest of the site.

I therefore 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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