

MPS Skills House, Gravesend.

Planning Statement
15 November 2022

Background & Key Points

- Planning permission was granted on 11th February 2022 (application reference 20211541) for the 'Skills House', a Metropolitan Police Service firearms training facility.
- There were two pre-commencement planning conditions and one pre-occupation condition imposed:
 - Condition 3 – seeks an archaeological written scheme of investigation to be agreed and implemented.
 - Condition 4 – seeks for a drainage scheme to be submitted and approved.
 - Condition 5 – seeks details of external lighting.
- In relation to condition 3, the applicants have undertaken discussions with Kent County Council (Casper Johnson). They have agreed that, given the contents of the ground conditions investigation borehole logs, there is not likely to be any archaeology at the site. They therefore consider that no written scheme of investigation is necessary.
- KCC are happy for site works to commence, but are keen to obtain a 'Interpretive Geo-Archaeological Deposit Model' for the site. We therefore request that this condition is discharged as having been satisfied. I attach relevant correspondence confirming this.
- We also attach a drainage plan to satisfy the requirements under condition 4 and four lighting plans in relation to condition 5. The lighting plan shows that only type F and FE lights would be used externally. The key indicates that the type F light is an IP65 Thorn Eyekon LED / Eye HA LED 1050 – 840 HF L BK. This is a low wattage (15w) bulkhead light as shown below. The FE version is similar, but with a battery backup pack.



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