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20241166 - Shorne Mead , Pear Tree Lane, Shorne, Gravesend Kent

Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding. Erection of a self-build detached two storey dwelling with submersed basement for parking and entertainment facilities.

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

The application site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential with evidence for prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval settlement in the surrounding area. Despite the presence of an existing building, the proposed development groundworks including and basement, have the potential to impact on any below-ground archaeological remains at the site and I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied to any forthcoming consent:

To ensure that heritage assets with 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 the implementation of an archaeological watching brief so that excavations and other development works are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The archaeological 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 approved Written Scheme of Investigation.***
- 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.

I would be happy to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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