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Re: 2025 0139 | Land Adj. to Rose Cottage, Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2PP

Erection of 2no. detached dwellings and creation of a new vehicle crossover.

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period background archaeological interest on a geology of Clay-with-Flints over Chalk. It would appear from historic mapping that much of the site has not been built on in the 19th and 20th centuries and therefore any below-ground archaeological remains at the site may be relatively undisturbed and could be impacted by the groundworks of the proposed development. This is recognised in the planning statement accompanying the planning application, including in the planning appeal Inspector's report.

Taking into account the scale of the proposed development, 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 groundworks are observed and heritage assets with archaeological interest are recorded. The watching brief shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a Specification 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.

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 policy

I hope that this is helpful and would be happy to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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