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KCC Heritage 16.7.25

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The site lies in an area for Palaeolithic archaeological potential and was the site of a former Drill Hall. The Drill Hall was constructed (c1905) and is recorded on the Kent HER as a small building in which 2 X 6pr. guns were mounted for training of volunteers. It was re-used for a coach repair works. This building had been demolished.

A Reserved Matters approval was granted at the site on 18 December 2020 (LPA Ref. EDC/20/0076) pursuant to conditions on EDC/16/0004 for the wider Northfleet Cement Works site. I understand from the submitted Planning Statement for this application that foundations trenches have been excavated, and the permission implemented.

Although the site has some archaeological potential, I consider it unlikely that the proposed development would have a significant below ground archaeological impact, because of the depth of made ground, and I have no further recommendations to make on archaeological matters in this case.