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Date: 10/03/26

Re: 20260158

Location: White Horse Farm, School Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent

Proposal: Redevelopment of barn (building no.5), reconstruction of adjoining building (building n.8), and construction of a new pool house south-east of the barn.

Thank you for consulting us on the above application for a two storey extension on the above house.

Whitehouse Farm is identifiable as a farm complex on the 1st Edition OS map, although it is known as Brick House. The farmhouse itself and an associated barn are listed buildings, but the whole complex is of heritage interest being a post medieval farm holding. Remains associated with post medieval or earlier activity may be revealed during groundworks and it would be useful for an archaeologist to monitor the development. I recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of an archaeological watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that groundworks are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded, reported on and the new information made publicly accessible. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

Reason: To ensure that any archaeological features are properly examined and recorded

I would be happy to discuss any of the above further and provide the applicant with a brief for the work on request.

Yours sincerely.

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Jacob Warrender
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