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Re: 20240340 - Land Adjacent To, 197 Vale Road, Northfleet, Gravesend Kent

Erection of a new dwelling.

Thank you for consulting Heritage Conservation on this application and my apologies for the delayed response.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential with particular interest for Palaeolithic archaeology and this plot remained undeveloped when the terrace of houses either side were constructed in the later 19th and early 20th century. As such, below-ground archaeological remains may survive at the site and be impacted by the development groundworks such as footings and services. I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied to any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of:

- (i) 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. 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 and;*
- (ii) a report on the findings of the watching brief 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.

Yours sincerely

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