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Dear Amanda,

Re: 2023 1115 – Mid Kent Golf Club, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 7RB: Relocation of the 13th hole.

Thank you for your consulting us on the above planning application and my apologies for the delayed response.

The site of the proposed development lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential. Investigations for the A2, HS1 and Cyclopark have all revealed extensive occupation, settlement and burial remains from the prehistoric to the present day. The ridgeline and high ground to the south was a major routeway and is followed closely by Watling Street, one of the major Roman roads. In view of the archaeological interest of the site and the potential for groundworks such as the proposed attenuation basin to impact below-ground archaeological remains, I recommend the following condition is placed on 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 works are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The 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 agreed specification and timetable.**

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 pleased to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely

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