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2024 0091 – Land at Brookers Farmyard, Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent

Engineering works to construct a formal car parking area for Vineyard Farms Ltd office, and winery and vineyard workers; and other users of Brookers Farm.

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential with a record on the Kent Historic Environment Record of the site of possible later prehistoric and/or Romano-British activity in the form of crop marks c.80m to the east of the site. The proposed works would be likely to impact on any below-ground archaeological remains at the site and 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. archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; and
ii. following on from the evaluation, any safeguarding measures to ensure preservation in situ of important archaeological remains and/or further archaeological investigation, recording, reporting and dissemination of the results, in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure appropriate assessment of the archaeological implications of the development proposals and the subsequent avoidance or mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record and further dissemination of new knowledge about the archaeology of the site

for public benefit in accordance with relevant local and national planning policy.

I recommend that the first stage of field evaluation would comprise a geophysical survey to limit physical impacts to the site. The detail of subsequent work would then depend on the extent and depth of groundworks. Following the geophysical survey it might then require either field evaluation trial trenching and/or mitigation by strip, map and sample archaeological excavation.

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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