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**Re: 20231269 - Land Rear Of, Bridewell, Watling Street, Gravesend Kent**

**Erection of 2no. detached family homes with associated driveway, parking, bin/bike stores and gardens.**

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The application site is within an area of multi-period archaeological potential and c.30m north of the projected line of Roman Watling Street. In 1921-2 a circular cist of Roman tile was discovered c.35m to the west of the site during road widening. The feature measured c.1m in diameter and c.500mm in height and was at first thought to be the remains of a potter's kiln or oven but may have been a grave. No funerary remains were found but two holes in the wall, both made from the outside, suggest that it was robbed. The area around the site was developed for housing from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and before a time of professional archaeological investigations and therefore the archaeological potential of the site is uncertain. Groundworks, associated with the proposed development, may impact negatively on any below-ground archaeological remains at the site and therefore I recommend that the following condition is applied to any forthcoming consent:

**AR5** *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 and recording 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 any development proposals and the subsequent mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record.*

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

Yours sincerely

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