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**Re: 2023 0024 - Unit 14, Ebbsfleet Business Estate, Stonebridge Road,
Northfleet Gravesend**

**Erection of a two storey side extension comprising of a new customer area
and storage area**

Thank you for your letter consulting us on this application.

The site lies within an area of very high, multi-period, archaeological, geoarchaeological and palaeoenvironmental interest above the line of the former Ebbsfleet river channel edge. Foundations and deeper groundworks associated with the development may impact on below-ground archaeological remains 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 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 with the applicant and agree a Written Scheme of Investigation for the field evaluation, as well information about relevant specialists and recent research not yet on the Kent HER.

Yours sincerely.

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