

Gravesham Borough Council
Development Control
Civic Centre Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 1AU

Our ref: KT/2022/130262/03-L01
Your ref: 20221174
Date: 07 March 2023

Dear Ethan

Application For Approval Of Conditions 3, 4 And 5 Attached To Planning Permission Reference Number 20211541 Relating To Archaeological Field Evaluation Works In Accordance With A Written Scheme Of Investigation Along With Any Safeguarding Measures To Ensure Preservation Of Important Archaeological Remains and/or Further Investigation And Recording (3 I, ii), A Detailed Sustainable Surface Water Drainage Scheme (4) And A Lighting Design Plan For Biodiversity (5)

Metropolitan Police Specialist Training Centre, Mark Lane, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2HN

Thank you for consulting us on the above application. **We maintain our objection to the discharge of condition 4 (surface water drainage).** We are not yet satisfied that the proposed drainage works present a low risk to the structural integrity of the main river culvert to the south of the proposed development, and that they will not impede future works to improve or replace the culvert.

Drawing 77443.02 100 P02 dated January 2023 shows the open main river channel to the east of the site, and the associated 8 metre buffer zone. It also shows an "Existing surface water drain" to the south of the site, but it neither confirms that this is the main river culvert or quantifies the offset from the drain to the new drainage works.

The indicative location of the main river which we are concerned about is shown in Figure 2 of the WYG Flood Risk & Drainage Assessment ref A111364 dated September 2020.

Overcoming our objection

To overcome our objection the applicant should;

- Confirm that the "Existing surface water drain" shown on drawing 77443.02 100 P02 is the culverted main river watercourse.
- Confirm that the alignment of the above watercourse shown on drawing 77443.02 100 P02 has been confirmed on site and is not assumed.
- Illustrate the extent of the 8m buffer and demonstrate that either;

- None of the below ground drainage infrastructure is within 8m of the culverted main river watercourse, or
- All below ground drainage infrastructure has been located as far from the culverted main river watercourse as is reasonably possible and that it will not have any adverse effect on the culvert or future works to improve or replace the structure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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