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Re: 250076 - Northfield House, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Gravesend Ken Kent

Demolition of garage and erection of a self-build 3 bed dwelling in rear garden of Northfield House.

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

The application site is within an area of Iron Age and Romano-British archaeological potential. There is no indication from historic mapping or aerial photography for significant past development impacts in the area of the proposed works and therefore there is the potential that any below-ground archaeological remains may be relatively undisturbed. Any such remains could be impacted by the proposed development and therefore I recommend that if planning permission is granted the following condition is applied to 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 groundworks are observed and heritage assets with archaeological interest are recorded. The watching brief shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a Specification 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.**

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 in accordance with local and national planning policy

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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