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2025 0053 – Golden Lion , Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent

Erection of a rear and side extension and refurbishment of the Golden Lion pub including landscaping, parking and associated works.

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential and there has been a building at the site since at least the early 19th century. The early 19th century Tithe map records a rectangular building in an area to the east of the present day Golden Lion building. The 1st Ed. OS map of 1862 – 1875 records a building (presumed to be the historic core of the present day public house) having been built adjoining the western end of the first rectangular building. By the time of the 2nd Ed. OS map of 1897 – 1900 the Golden Lion Public House is recorded by name and the rectangular building to its east is recorded as four units in a terrace. The 2nd Ed. OS mapping also illustrates additions to the Golden Lion on the west and southern sides. The row of four units was still extant in the 1940s, as evidenced from RAF aerial photography, but had been demolished at some time before 1990 by which time a car park had been created in that area to the east of the public house.

Groundworks associated with the proposed development may reveal and impact buried archaeological associated with the past use of the site and 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.

Yours sincerely

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