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Re: 20260864

Location: 123 Chalk Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4UT

Proposed Development: Partial demolition and reconstruction/reconfiguration of existing bungalow, with gable end and rear dormer roof extensions and single storey rear extension, plus demolition of existing garage, creation of new access road and construction of 2 x four-bedroom bungalows and associated cycle, refuse storage and amenity space

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The application has not been submitted with any accompanying desk-based archaeological assessment which would have been recommended. The proposed development is located within an area of some archaeological potential; Chalk Roman Villa is located c.200m to the northeast of the site and Iron Age settlement has been recorded c.300m to the southwest of the site.

While the proposed development makes partial use of the existing footprint of the building currently on site, there is also development proposed in areas of previously undeveloped land, and this would have an impact on any archaeological deposit that may be present.

Additionally, I would draw attention to the presence of an Edwardian cast iron telecoms marker post of the street outside the proposed development. These are increasingly rare and it would merit preservation, though this may involve temporary removal and reinstatement.

Considering the above I recommend that, in the event that planning permission is granted, 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 that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

I would further recommend that provision is put in place for the preservation of the above-mentioned historic telecoms marker.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further and can provide a specification on request.

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Yours sincerely

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