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2023 1221 – Land At, Brimsole Farm, Brimstone Hill, Meopham Gravesend

Conversion of existing agricultural barns into two 3 bedroom dwellings, with associated car ports, garden and landscaping.

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The site lies within an area of general multi-period archaeological potential and the site itself is a historic farmstead recorded on historic mapping since at least the mid-19th century.

Looking at the photographs in the structural assessment report, the standing building appears to be a relatively modern replacement, possibly on the footprint of two earlier, and smaller, farm buildings which are recorded on historic mapping. On the information presented, I consider it unlikely that the proposed works would have a significant archaeological impact in relation to the standing structures. Any groundworks associated with the proposed development, might impact on archaeological evidence for the earlier history of the farmstead, and 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 works are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), 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 and timetable.

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

I would be happy to discuss any of the above further and provide a brief for the works upon request.

Yours sincerely

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