

20231273 Land To The Rear Of Bridge Bar And Club 24 Stone Street

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Thank you for consulting us on the submission of the Written Scheme of Investigation for trial trenching and the photographic record for Land Rear of Stone Street.

The historic feature recording in the submitted report (HCUK Ref.09347A) is thorough and provides a useful record of the site and on this basis I would be happy to recommend that Condition 3 could be discharged, if it can be confirmed that the heritage feature recording element of this WSI is subsequently added as an appendix to the field evaluation report or, if there is subsequent mitigation recording and reporting, then to a final site report. In that way it will be easier for the site heritage feature recording element to be found through the Kent HER. Equally the recording could be put into a standalone report, if that was relatively easy to do and submitted to discharge Condition 3.

As the archaeology condition (20) is a single 'programme of works' condition, formal discharge of the planning condition at this stage would remove planning controls for subsequent mitigation (if archaeological remains are encountered) and subsequent assessment, analysis and reporting are required. It would be preferable if the WSI could be formally approved to permit development works and the trial trenching to proceed, with Condition 20 kept in place at this stage.

I hope that this is helpful and would be happy to discuss further and put this into a formal letter.