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**Re: 2021 1451 – Metropolitan Police Specialist Training Centre Mark Lane
Gravesend**

**Erection of a new concrete live fire skills house training building (plus abseil
frame) with new ancillary support building and associated works.**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential adjacent to the Thames. The Historic Environment Record records the presence of former salt workings at the site and this area is underlain by alluvial deposits, including peat horizons above former early prehistoric land surfaces which will have both archaeological and palaeoenvironmental potential.

The proposed development may impact on below-ground archaeological remains (e.g. through the use of piles and for drainage works) and if planning permission is granted, I recommend the following condition be 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 appropriate assessment of the archaeological implications of any development proposals and the subsequent mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record.

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

Yours sincerely

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