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Re. 2021415 - Garages Rear Of Osney Way Car Park, Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent

Demolition of 14 existing lock-up garages and the erection of 4no. three-storey terraced homes, with associated parking, gardens, access, refuse and bike storage, and boundary treatments.

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application. My apologies for the delayed response and I hope that you can take these recommendations into account.

The proposed development lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential in an area adjacent to the wetland edge in prehistoric times. This type of environmental zone was attractive to past human settlement and activity. There is a potential that the proposed development will impact on below-ground archaeological remains and I recommend that if planning permission is granted 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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