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**Re: 20220931 St Mildred's Church, Nurstead Church Lane, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent
Installation of an external, detached and prefabricated module to provide toilet
facilities for visitors to the church with associated works**

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The application site lies in an area of archaeological potential associated with the Medieval Church of St Mildred's. The church is a Grade II* Listed building that is believed to date to the 15th century and possibly earlier. The application has been submitted with a Design and Access Statement which recognises that an archaeological watching brief will be required for relevant groundworks and I recommend that the following condition is attached to any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of an archaeological watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that groundworks are observed and human remains, graves and any archaeological features or finds are recorded and impacts minimised. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that development impacts are appropriately mitigated and features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

I would be pleased to discuss any of the above further.

Yours sincerely

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