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Date: 28/04/26

Re: 20260340

Proposed Development: Demolition of existing stables buildings, removal of sand schools/menages and the erection of 6 dwellings associated vehicle parking, cycle storage and landscaping, with development to be served by existing access.

Location: Rockley House, Wrotham Road, Culverstone, Gravesend, Kent

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application and has not been submitted with an archaeological desk-based assessment or heritage statement.

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential

Historical mapping shows that Wrotham Road (A227) is extant from the earliest mapped periods and is potentially significantly older as it follows the existing ridgeway between Gravesend and Wrotham which are both historical settlements. Owls Cast a farmstead that in potentially early post-medieval in date is located approximately 220m to the south of the site.

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.***

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Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

I hope the above is helpful and would be pleased to discuss further if required.

Yours sincerely

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