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20240906 – 196 & 197 Parrock Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1EW

Application for Listed Building consent for the conversion of existing building, currently categorised as office accommodation to a one bedroom flat and nine bedroom House of Multiple Occupation.

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

Nos. 196 & 197 Parrock Street are a Grade II listed building. I focus here on the archaeological implications of the proposed development and defer to your Conservation Officer in respect of the details with regard to built heritage.

The application site is located towards the centre of Gravesend which was a Medieval market town of historic importance. The area also has prehistoric and Romano-British archaeological potential with the record of a Roman copper alloy brooch c.25m north of the site. In this case it is likely that the relatively limited groundworks will be focussed on areas adjacent to the existing building and which may reveal former elements such as steps and other features related to the history of the listed building. As the proposed development may reveal and impact on below-ground archaeological remains and features related to the archaeological interest of the listed building, I recommend that the following condition is attached to any forthcoming consent:

To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded during development works:

A) Prior to any development works the applicant (or their agents or successors in title) shall secure a programme of archaeological work comprising of an archaeological watching brief (including historic building

recording) so that structural building works and groundworks are observed and archaeological information is recorded. The archaeological work shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a Written Specification, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

B) The archaeological watching brief and historic building recording, post excavation assessment, analysis and reporting shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed Specification.

C) Within 6 months of the completion of the programme of archaeological works a Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that the archaeological interest of the site that would be affected by the development is properly examined and recorded in accordance with local and national planning policy.

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

Yours sincerely

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