

20230567 Heritage House 79 - 80 High Street

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Thank you for consulting us on this application and my apologies for the delayed response.

The site lies within the historic core of Gravesend and the building is Grade II listed. I consider it unlikely that the proposed works would have a significant below-ground impact, and therefore have no objection, but recommend that works are subject to an archaeological watching and Historic Building Recording. The latter to ensure that significant historic fabric is understood and conserved where possible and that a clear record is made of the changes to the building and the report lodged with the Kent HER. The necessary recording could be covered by the following conditions being applied 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 an archaeological watching brief so that excavations and other development works are observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority and in accordance with a written programme and specification, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
- B) The archaeological watching brief, recording, post excavation assessment, analysis and reporting shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed specification and timetable.
- C) Within 6 months of the completion of the watching brief a Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

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

And;

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that historic building features are properly examined and recorded.

I hope that these comments can still be taken into account and would be happy to discuss any queries.