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**Re: 20230136 - Land At, Worcester Close, Istead Rise, Gravesend Kent
Construction of 8 new affordable rent residential units (Use Class C3) with associated
vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, cycle parking, refuse storage and
landscaping.**

Dear Ethan,

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

The site lies within an area of multi-period archaeological potential and the application has been made with a helpful Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (Allen Archaeology, 2022). The area around the site was developed before modern archaeological planning policy was developed and it is therefore difficult to understand the archaeological potential of the site from existing records. Considering the potential past impacts at the site from cultivation and its former use as an orchard, I consider that in this case an archaeological watching brief during ground works would represent a reasonable approach to mitigating any impacts and therefore I recommend that the following condition is applied 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 items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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

I would be happy to discuss any of the above further and provide the applicant with a brief for the archaeological works on request.

Yours sincerely

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