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Dear Amanda,

**Re: 20220839 – Cobham Lodge Valley Drive Gravesend
Conversion of existing house to 10no. flats including side and rear extension and loft conversion. Conversion of rear annex building to 2no. dwelling houses including proposed new dormers. Construction of new apartment building to form 11no. new apartments. Construction of 8no. semidetached and 1no. detached houses and associated development.**

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application.

The site of the proposed development lies in an area of multi-period archaeological potential. Evidence for prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval activity, including for burials, has been recorded to the east and south of this site. There is historic map evidence that there was a building in the centre of the site in the mid-20th century and the construction of this may have impacted below-ground archaeological remains.

Considering the archaeological potential of the site and possible past impacts I recommend that if planning permission is granted 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

- 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.**

Reason: To ensure appropriate assessment of the archaeological implications of any development proposals and the subsequent mitigation of adverse impacts through preservation in situ or by record.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely

Casper Johnson
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