

20221225 Garages Rear Of Osney Way Car Park

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Thank you for consulting us on this application and my apologies for the delayed response. Field evaluation of the site was undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in the summer of 2022 and the submitted document is helpful in demonstrating that the top of the chalk natural was in a condition that suggested that there had been no truncation by modern development, and therefore the potential for archaeology to have survived elsewhere on the site is good. The field evaluation was limited to one small trench, as little of the site was accessible due to the existing garages.

I would be happy to recommend that part (i) of Condition 5 could be discharged and that given the results of the evaluation that part (ii) should take the form of an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for which a Written Scheme of Investigation will need to be submitted.

I hope that this is helpful and would be happy to discuss further. If the client's archaeological contractor can send me a draft WSI for the watching brief, I will be pleased to comment on it before it is formally submitted to Gravesham Borough Council.