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Re: TM/21/02298 – Tonbridge PRS Medway Wharf Road Tonbridge

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application for a redevelopment of site to provide 144 residential units and additional works

The site of the application lies south of the historic core of Tonbridge and within the river valley base. Until the 19th century this area was mainly open land, probably seasonally flood or meadow land or hinterland activities. In the late 19th century it developed as industrial space for gasworks.

There is in addition some potential for Palaeolithic remains and palaeo-environmental remains due to the location of the scheme being on river terrace gravels and alluvial deposits.

With regard to buried archaeology, the proposed development may have an impact on Early Prehistoric remains, and buried 19th century industrial remains and I recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

AR1a Prior to the commencement of development the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, will secure and implement:

- i archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a specification and written timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and*
- ii further archaeological investigation, recording and reporting, determined by the results of the evaluation, in accordance with a specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority;*
- iii programme of post excavation assessment and publication.*

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

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AR1a Prior to the commencement of development the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, will secure and implement:

- i geo-archaeological field evaluation works in accordance with a specification and written timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and*
- ii further geo-archaeological investigation, recording and reporting, determined by the results of the evaluation, in accordance with a specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority;*
- iii programme of post excavation assessment and publication.*

Reason: To ensure that features of geo-archaeological interest are properly examined, recorded, reported and disseminated.

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

Yours sincerely

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