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**SENT BY EMAIL**

**Re: 23/500899/OUT – Land North of the A20 Ashford Road Hollingbourne**

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above outline planning application for erection of storage and distribution development with associated works.

The site lies in an area of potential associated with prehistoric and Roman activity, including Bronze Age industrial and burial activity. A Bronze Age barrow, with Anglo Saxon burials, is known to the south and further barrows were found to the west in the Woodcut Farm development site.

This site also seems to be located in an area of very fine “silver” sand situated beside a palaeochannel to the west. 19<sup>th</sup> century quarries are known to the north, Silver Hill, and to the south, Hollingbourne Quarry, also known as “The Caves”. Similar remains reflecting use of and quarrying of this material may survive in this site. To the west lies the 19<sup>th</sup> century Workhouse site at White Heath.

The application is supported by reasonable DBA and geophysical survey. I do not agree entirely with their assessment and suggest the prehistoric potential is unknown rather than low but the assessment is acceptable.

In view of the archaeological potential, 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:*
- 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.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely

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