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Re: Y15/0741/SH/WS – Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Hawkinge – Outline Application for residential development (14 houses) with Access details.

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application. My colleague Ben Found had corresponded with the applicant prior to submission and advised that:

The nearest designated heritage asset recorded in the Kent Historic Environment Record is the Grade II Listed Maypole Farm located some 80m to the north. The Historic Environment Record also identifies a historic farmstead at Mill Farm; this is not subject to any formal designation, it was identified in the Kent Farmsteads Survey as being of some historic interest. Mill Farm itself is so named due to the presence of a Windmill here for the processing of corn. The windmill is now demolished, but is recorded on historic mapping as lying within the site in question. The mill was seemingly demolished sometime in the interwar period.

No archaeological remains are currently known from within the application area, however the site lies in an area of archaeological potential. This area does not relate to any specific known archaeological remains, but rather reflects the general likelihood for archaeological remains existing in this part of Hawkinge. Previous investigations within the village have identified remains from the Mesolithic period to World War Two, in

particular there is clear evidence for occupation in the area in the Later Iron Age and Romano-British periods.

Given the potential of the area it is possible that the proposed works may affect archaeological remains. I therefore recommend that provision is made in any forthcoming planning consent for a programme of archaeological works. The following condition covers what would be required:

AR1 *No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*

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

I hope that the above is helpful and would be pleased to discuss further. I would also be pleased to supply the applicant, on request, with a specification for the archaeological works.

Yours sincerely

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