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Re: 20/0484/FH – Catholic Church Of St Martin Of Tours, 124 High Street, Lydd, TN29 9BA

Conversion of disused church into two residential dwellings

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The application site lies within an area of medieval archaeological potential associated with the development of settlement at Lydd. The church that is proposed for conversion to residential use dates from 1931 and it replaced an earlier wooden church of late 19th century date.

The church should be subject to an English Heritage Level 2 survey before conversion to produce a stand-alone report for the Kent Historic Environment Record for future research and education. Any groundworks, which from the details submitted, would appear to be limited to drainage, landscaping and planting, may have an impact on below ground archaeological remains, including burials.

I therefore recommend that, in the event that planning permission were to be granted, the following conditions be applied to any forthcoming consent:

AR4 *No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that the excavation is observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching*

brief shall be in accordance with a written programme and specification, 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.

And;

AR7 *No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*

Reason: To ensure that historic building features are properly examined and recorded.

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

Yours sincerely

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