

Officer Report

Application No.	24/0235/FH/CON
Site Address	48 Marsh Crescent, New Romney, TN28 8JU
Officer Name	Helena Payne
Proposal	Approval of details pursuant to condition 8 (archaeological watching brief) of planning permission Y18/1477/FH

Recommendation

Report Number	RD-434081
Recommended Decision	Recommended to be Approved
Recommendation Date	21 March 2024

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This application seeks approval of details pursuant to condition 8 (archaeological watching brief) of planning permission Y18/1477/FH.

Condition 8 states:

No development shall take place until the applicant 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 finds of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded.

Works have begun prior to the archaeological works required as part of the above condition. Under the advice of the LPA and County Archaeologist, the follow has been submitted in support of the application:

- Photographs of foundations dug ahead of footings, received 19 February 2024
- Covering Letter from JPD Architecture UK Ltd dated 7 February 2024, received 19 February 2024
- Written Scheme of Investigated by Kent Archaeological Projects, received 29 February 2024

The County Archaeologist has advised that, as the footings were excavated before an archaeological watching brief was in place, photographs of the site have been submitted by way of evidence. The photographs do not obviously contain any evidence for archaeological features or deposits, and therefore, whilst it is unfortunate that the correct procedures have not been followed, I see no value in there being any retrospective archaeological work at the site and recommend that the planning condition could be discharged in full.

Photographs will be held on file by the County Archaeologist.

Suggested Informatives (1)

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The following submitted detail is considered sufficient to allow for the approval of condition 8 of planning approval Y18/1477/FH:

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