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SENT BY EMAIL

Re: PA/2025/ 0156 - Rolvenden Primary School Hastings Road Rolvenden

Thank you for your letter consulting us on the above planning application for extensions and use part of field for car park during construction works.

The site of proposed works is within the 19th century or earlier school complex. The buildings are identifiable on the 1st Ed OS map and were purpose built National School. There may have been an earlier school here with School House adjacent being of 18th century date. In view of the archaeological potential I recommend the following condition is placed on any forthcoming consent:

AR4 Prior to commencement of development, the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, will secure the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that the development works are 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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