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Our ref:

Your ref: 16/00054/FUL Date: 13th April 2016

Specialist Archaeological Advice

Dear Mike,

Re: Planning Application 16/00054/FUL - 22 South Street, Rochford

The above application has been identified on the weekly list of planning applications by the Historic Environment Advisor of Essex County Council.

The application affects a listed building which is an example of an 18th century red brick house, now a shop. Elements of the historic fabric of the building may be destroyed during the conversion, it is important that such elements are 'preserved by record' by means of a historic building survey prior to the commencement of these works.

In view of this the following recommendation would be made in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework*:

Recommendation: Full condition - building recording

'No development or preliminary groundwork's of any kind shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority'.

Further Recommendations: A professional team of archaeologist building recording specialists should undertake the recording work. This work will consist of a historic building survey undertaken prior to conversion works commencing. The District Council should inform the applicant of the recommendations and its financial implications. A design brief detailing the requirements can be produced from this office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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NOTE: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialists in relation to this particular matter.