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Our ref: NEW1643/MJ

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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
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2nd February 2026

Dear Sir

Re: Erection of a rural enterprise dwelling associated with the existing dog kennels and wider enterprise at Greenmoor Nurseries, St Brides: Greenmoor Farm, Greenmoor Nurseries, Coast Road, St Brides Wentlooge. Pl.App.No.: 25/1076

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website. **The proposal will require archaeological mitigation.**

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust shows that the proposed development site is situated within the statutorily designated Gwent Levels Registered Historic Landscape, specifically the Western St Brides Character Area (HLCA016), summarised as being *laid out within a framework of elements surviving from the Roman landscape*. Its key characteristics are: *Regular field pattern of long narrow fields, significant boundaries of probable Roman origin, drainage features include Peterstone Gout, the old sea wall, and a number of fen-banks (some ridging/surface drainage also survives), limited linear roadside settlement*. It is also within the Gwent Levels Archaeologically Sensitive Area, which is subject to Policies within your LDP regarding assessment and mitigation for the historic environment. The area of the ASA is defined by the concentration of evidence of activity dating to the Roman and medieval periods primarily for reclamation of land and water management, with buried land surfaces. Several archaeological works in the surrounding area have shown evidence of human occupation from the pre-historic period onwards. Sealand Reen is located immediately south of the proposed development, and is described as an important NE-SW boundary, which may be a reflection of the Roman landscape to the south of nearby Wheel Lane. Additionally, part of the original Roman drainage system is preserved in its major NE-SW land divisions.

The proposed development involves the erection of a rural enterprise dwelling associated with the existing dog kennels and wider enterprise at Greenmoor Nurseries, St Brides. The Proposed works will involve extensive groundworks in an area of high archaeological potential, and in close proximity to several known

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Roman features. Therefore, it is possible that buried archaeological remains could be encountered during the groundworks.

In such circumstance. Planning Policy Wales 2024 (Edition 12) Section 6.1.26 states that “Where archaeological remains are known to exist or there is a potential for them to survive, an application should be accompanied by sufficient information, through desk-based assessment and/or field evaluation, to allow a full understanding of the impact of the proposal on the significance of the remains” More detail on this guidance can be found in TAN24 sections 4.7 and 4.8. Section 4.9 of TAN 24 specifically requires the Local Authority to consult their archaeological advisor as to the adequacy of mitigation proposed. It is our assertion that a field evaluation is appropriate in this particular case.

It is therefore our opinion in our role as the professionally retained archaeological advisors to your Members that the applicant should be requested to commission the required archaeological work. **Consequently, as the impact of the development on the archaeological resource will be a material consideration in the determination of the current planning application this should be deferred until a report on the archaeological evaluation has been submitted to your Members.**

We recommend that this work be undertaken to a brief approved by yourselves and upon request, we can provide a suitable document for your approval

If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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