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Our ref: NEW1691/HB

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
Civic Centre
NEWPORT
NP20 4UR

26th February 2025

FAO: Jacob Cooke

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Outline application for proposed demolition of commercial building and construction of residential development.

Red Barn, Wellfield Road, Marshfield, Cardiff, CF3 2UB

Pl.App.No.: 25/0023

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website and have concluded that **the proposal will require archaeological mitigation.**

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record, curated by this Trust, shows that the proposed application is situated within the Gwent Levels Archaeologically Sensitive Area. It is also situated within the Gwent Levels Registered Historic Landscape (HLW (Gt) 2), specifically the Marshfield Character Area (HLCA020), as defined within the *Register of Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales*. This is summarised as: a low lying back fen, north of a major catchwater drain. It is considered that the area is broadly medieval in origin, although some drainage features are believed to be Roman in origin. The Blacktown area, of which the application site forms part of the western extent, is part of the oldest reclamation and settlement, with a spread of farms dating originally from the medieval period. Archaeological work in the vicinity has encountered remains of medieval and Post-medieval date. Therefore, there is potential for archaeological deposits, particularly relating to earlier settlement and land and water management, to exist in the area, and that these remains may be encountered during the course of any proposed groundworks.

You may recall that we have previously recommended archaeological mitigation for proposed construction of dwellings for previous planning applications at the site; Planning Application Numbers: 19/0875 (Our ref: NEW1481/JBHD, dated 13th December 2019) and 20/1107 (Our ref: NEW1510/HB, dated 10th February 2021). Our understanding of the archaeological resource of the area remains unchanged and consequently, our advice remains the same.

Therefore, it is our recommendation that a condition requiring the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for the programme of archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource should be attached to any consent granted by your Members.

Cadeirydd / Chair: Dr Carol Bell

PSG / CEO: Richard Nicholls

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We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of an archaeological watching brief during the groundworks required for the development, with detailed contingency arrangements including the provision of sufficient time and resources to ensure that any archaeological features or finds that are located are properly investigated and recorded; it should include provision for any sampling that may prove necessary, post-excavation recording and assessment and reporting and possible publication of the results. To ensure adherence to the recommendations we recommend that the condition should be worded in a manner similar to model condition 24 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured agreement for a written scheme of historic environment mitigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the programme of work will be fully carried out in accordance with the requirements and standards of the written scheme.

Reason: *To identify and record any features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, in order to mitigate the impact of the works on the archaeological resource.*

We also recommend that a note should be attached to the planning consent explaining that:

The archaeological work must be undertaken to the appropriate Standard and Guidance set by Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), (www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation (www.archaeologists.net/ro) or an accredited Member.

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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