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Our ref: NEW1700/HB

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

14th November 2025

FAO: Guy Arnall

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Listed Building Consent for various exterior and interior works consisting of replacing part of roof, replacing windows, external rendering, existing timber beam replacement, internal rendering, external stone wall improvements, the removal and repairing of rainwater goods and exploratory work.

School House, High Street, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 1AZ

Pl.App.No.: RECON 25/0539

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

You will recall our previous response to this application on 3rd November 2025, when we recommended that two conditions are attached to any consent granted by your Members. The first condition was to require the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource, in which it was envisioned that this programme of work would take the form of a watching brief. The second condition was for a Level 3 building survey to be undertaken.

We note this re-consultation due to additional information being received. A Programme of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording for a Watching brief and Historic Building Recording (Level 3) has been submitted by Cardiff Archaeology (Report Number: WSHM/841/25, dated 14th November 2025). This document details appropriate methodology and mitigation strategy for the programme of archaeological work required to protect the archaeological resource and meets current professional standards.

Consequently, to reflect the above we recommend the following two conditions:

Firstly, to ensure adherence to the above mitigation strategy we recommend that a condition should be attached to any consent granted by your Members and 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 implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with that

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outlined in "A Programme of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording for a Watching brief and Historic Building Recording (Level 3)" (Cardiff Archaeology, Report Number: WSHM/841/25, dated 14th November 2025).

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.

Secondly, to ensure adherence to the above mitigation strategy we recommend that a condition should be attached to any consent granted by your Members and be worded in a manner similar to model condition 73 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014:

No works to which this consent relates shall commence until an appropriate programme of historic building recording and analysis has been secured and implemented in accordance with that outlined in "A Programme of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording for a Watching brief and Historic Building Recording (Level 3)" (Cardiff Archaeology, Report Number: WSHM/841/25, dated 14th November 2025).

The justification for the imposition of the condition would therefore be: -

Reason: As the building is of architectural and cultural significance the specified records are required to mitigate impact.

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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