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Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeology

Our ref: A64326/RD

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

1st August 2025

Dear Sir

**Re: Proposed access gate to existing agricultural field**  
**Ivydene Whitson Road Whitson Newport South Wales NP18 2AY**  
**Pl.App.No.: 25/0445**

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

We have consulted the regional Historic Environment Record and note that the proposal is located within the Newport Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA) and the Gwent Levels Registered Historic Landscape, specifically the Whitson Character Area (HLCA003). The landscape was planned out during the high medieval period possibly by the monks at Goldcliff. Initially, a series of long narrow strips were laid out, surrounded by a "fen-bank". These strips were subsequently extended a number of times. The common was enclosed in the mid-nineteenth century. There is a scarcity of documentary material for Whitson, though the possible contexts for its creation, by Flemings, Goldcliff Priory or the lords of Caerleon, give the potential for strong cultural associations to be developed. A survey of 1656 describes the drainage system in detail. Whilst there are no known archaeological sites within the proposed development area, any significant ground intrusion works have the potential to encounter archaeological remains.

However, the current application is for a new access gate. As such the requisite works are likely to be limited in scale and overall it is unlikely that archaeologically significant material will be encountered during the course of the proposed works.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development and consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application. The record is not definitive, however, and features may be disturbed during the course of the work. In this event, please contact this division of the Trust.

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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