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Our ref: NEW1702/MJ

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

25th September 2025

Dear Sir

**Re: 85 person spectator Stand and Footpath for Marshfield Football Club:
Land North West Of And Adjacent To Marshfield Village Hall, Wellfield Road,
Marshfield.**
Pl.App.No.: 25/0618

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 application is situated within the Gwent Levels Archaeologically Sensitive Area, and within the Gwent Levels Registered Landscape (Cadw reference HLW (Gt) 2 and in character area HLCA020 Marshfield. 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, though some drainage features are believed to be Roman in origin. The Blacktown area, of which the application area 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.

It is our professional opinion that there is potential for archaeological deposits, particularly relating to the 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.

The proposed development involves the construction of a new 85 person spectator Stand and Footpath for Marshfield Football Club. The proposed works involve groundworks in an area of high archaeological potential. Consequentially, it is considered possible that buried archaeological remains could be disturbed during the groundworks.

Therefore it is our recommendation that a condition requiring the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of

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archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource should be attached to any consent granted by your Members.

We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of a 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/cifa) 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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