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Our ref: A64182/MJ

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

30th June 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Proposed development of 40 homes and associated works:
Former Depot Coverack Road Newport.
Pl.App.No.: 25/0333

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust shows that the proposal is located in an area of archaeological potential. It is located on the alluvial flood plain of the River Usk, where recent work has shown that human activity has been present in this area for at least 6000 years. The waterlogged environment of the area has provided ideal conditions for the preservation of organic material, making any archaeological discoveries potentially of national importance. However in this case there are no definite indications that archaeological features are located in the application area, the early edition OS maps show a small grouping of industrial buildings in the area later demolished and replaced by a series of railway sidings. There is also no indication of any pills (small estuaries), formed by the conversion of tributaries onto the river that elsewhere have been shown a focus for early settlement.

The proposed development involves the construction of 40 homes with associated works. Whilst we note the proposal is within an area of archaeological potential, the GI report indicates the presence of multiple layers of modern made-ground to a significant depth (4.6m), as well as high levels of contaminants. It is likely that the requisite groundworks, with the exception of piles, would be contained within these layers. Overall, it is unlikely that the proposed works will encounter archaeologically significant remains.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development. 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.

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

Yours faithfully

Mike Jones

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