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Our ref: VOG1700/RD

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

3rd November 2025

Dear Sir

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.: 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.**

We previously commented on this application in our letter dated 1st September 2025, when we recommended a condition for a Level 3 building survey be attached to any consent. Subsequently, we note that additional documents have been submitted which propose to replace the floor in the Trustee Room.

As previously noted the site is within the Newport Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA) and also situated within the immediate vicinity of multiple Scheduled Monument Areas associated with Caerleon Legionary Fortress. Therefore, the application is within an area of very high archaeological potential, where there is the potential for archaeological remains and deposits to be encountered during any ground disturbing works.

Therefore it is our amended recommendation that two conditions are attached to any consent granted by your Members.

The first condition would require the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource.

We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of a watching brief, 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

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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.

The second condition would require a building survey to be made prior to work commencing. We would recommend that this takes the form of a Level 3 survey as set out in *Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice* (Historic England 2016), with a directional plan for the photographs. To ensure that work is carried out in a suitable manner, we therefore suggest that a condition worded in a manner similar to model condition 73 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014 is attached to any consent that is granted in response to the current application. This condition is worded:-

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 a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority

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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