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Our ref: A65701/HB

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

14th September 2026

FAO: Catherine Aldous

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Change of use of parts of the ground and first floors to provide 4no. new residential apartments

Kings Chamber, 8 High Street, Newport, NP20 1FQ

Pl.App.No.: RECON 26/0376

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

We note the change in the description and plans for the above application, and our previous response dated 23rd June 2026 (Our ref: A65428/RD) remains the same and is reiterated below.

We have consulted the regional Historic Environment Record and note that the proposal is located within the Newport Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA). The Kings Head Hotel is a pre-war structure which was used by a battalion of the South Wales Borderers in early 1915 as a recruiting station. A number of photographs exist that depict the Commanding Officer with the lord Mayor of Newport outside the hotel's main entrance. The building is extant but is currently unused, with significant internal alterations apparent.

Additionally, the current application is for a change in use of parts of the ground and first floors, with the external elevations preserved within the proposed scheme. 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.

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Yours faithfully,

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