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Our ref: A65258/RD

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

20th May 2026

Dear Sir

Re: Outline planning application for the creation of a secure compound and the installation of external plant and equipment to create a modular data centre together with associated equipment and structures, engineering operations, staff accommodation and associated works
Liberty Steel Corporation Road Newport NP19 4XE
Pl.App.No.: 26/0191

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 adjacent to the Gwent Levels Registered Historic Landscape, specifically the Nash/Goldcliff Character Area (HLCA001). Whilst there are no known archaeological sites within the proposed development area, significant remains dating to the prehistoric period onwards have been recorded in the wider area. A review of modern aerial photography, particularly that dating to 1945, indicates that the development area has been previously developed which is likely to have had an adverse effect on any potential archaeological remains that may be present.

Additionally, the current application is for a data centre. The development would entail the creation of a concrete slab, with modular equipment lifted onto the slab by a crane. 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

Cadeirydd / Chair: Dr Carol Bell

PSG / CEO: Richard Nicholls

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