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Our ref: A64977/JD

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

19th January 2026

FAO: Jacob Cooke

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Change of use of first floor from B1 office space to D2 recreation & gaming space for live action immersive games (escape rooms).

Corn Exchange, High Street, Newport

Pl.App.No: 25/0949

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website and can confirm that archaeological mitigation is not required. We have reviewed the area against the information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) which shows as follows:

The works are within the Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA) of Newport. A review of the 1st – 4th Edition (1883, 1902, 1921, 1937) historic Ordnance Survey maps show the footprint of the property. The proposal includes a change of use and associated alterations. The works are of small scale, and with our understanding of the historic environment, it is unlikely that significant archaeological features will be encountered or that existing features will be disturbed. The property has also undergone a number of alterations and changes throughout its history. Therefore, the potential impact is considered low.

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,

J. Dallimore

Cadeirydd / Chair: Dr Carol Bell

PSG / CEO: Richard Nicholls

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