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Our ref: NEW1723/RD

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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

20th May 2026

Dear Sir

**Re: Proposed detached dwelling with detached garage and associated works**  
**Mill House Mill Lane Castleton Cardiff CF3 2UT**  
**Pl.App.No.: 26/0264**

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.**

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust indicates that the proposal is to the north of Wenloog Castle, a Scheduled Monument (Cadw ref. MM131), and we note Cadw's response to the application. The monument comprises the remains of a motte dating to the medieval period (c1066 -1540AD). The site consists of a steep-sided flat-topped circular mound around 5m high, measuring around 25m in diameter across the base and 14m across the summit. The monument is of national importance for its potential to enhance our knowledge of medieval defensive practices. The monument is well-preserved and an important relic of the medieval landscape. It retains significant archaeological potential, with a strong probability of the presence of both structural evidence and intact associated deposits. There is also the possibility that the castle mound may have been enclosed by a moated area; the anaerobic conditions have been known from other sites to have preserved organic material.

As a result we have previously recommended archaeological work for applications in the vicinity, and it is possible that the requisite groundworks for the current application will encounter archaeological remains.

Therefore it is our recommendation that a condition requiring the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource should be attached to any consent granted by your Members.

We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of a watching brief during the groundworks required for the development, 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

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the recommendations we recommend that the condition should be 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.*

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](http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa)) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation ([www.archaeologists.net/ro](http://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

*R. Dunning*

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