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

27th June 2025

FAO: Harpreet Khela

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Installation of air source heat pump
109 Bessemer Drive, Newport, NP19 4TN
Pl.App.No.: 25/0399

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

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the application area is situated within the Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA) of the Levels, an area where evidence for human activity dating from 4000BC has been found. The HER also shows that it is situated within the core polygon of Llanwern Steelworks Landscape, an area originally part of the back-fen, now largely occupied by the Llanwern Steelworks, was characterised by a series of commons located on the fen edge, which were largely destroyed by 20th century redevelopment. The historic character resulted from reclamation and early enclosure of the back-fen. This is shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map (c.1887) as a series of tree-lined reens. There are no records however located within the application area, nor within the immediate vicinity.

The application is for the installation of an air source heat pump, which is considered to be of a relatively limited scale and situated within an area that has been disturbed from previous development. Therefore, 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. 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 any work in the area. 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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