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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
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4th August 2026

FAO: Ben Webster

Dear Sir

Re: Hedge Removed on one Side of Ditch to Open Watercourse to Increase Sunlight for Aquatic Flora of the SSSI to Flourish: Land South of Cock Street, Redwick. Pl.App.No.: 26/0503.

Thank you for consulting us about this application for four areas of hedgerow removal; 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 Gwent Level Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest (Cadw reference HLW (Gt) 2), specifically the Redwick Broadmead Character Area (HLCA007) a *“regular landscape” derived from the Parliamentary enclosure of open fields*. The Tithe of 1844 shows Broadmead Meadow with subdivisions, parts of Phillips Croft, and Wetters Length, and bounded by Meres Reen. It is also within the Gwent Levels Archaeologically Sensitive Area, defined for the concentration of evidence of activity particularly relating to the reclamation of land, and land and water management since prehistoric periods. These buried land surfaces are cut by the water management systems of grips, reens and pills and gouts to manage areas; the depth of the buried land surfaces varies by period.

As noted within the NRW Guidance, the significant aspect of these is the ditches rather than the hedgerows, they are rarely depicted on historic mapping sequences. Overall, it is unlikely that archaeologically significant material will be encountered during the removal of the hedgerows, subject to adherence to the guidance.

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. However, the Record is not definitive and should previously unknown archaeological deposits be encountered, please contact this team within Heneb for further advice.

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If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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