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Our ref: NEW1705/RD

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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
Civic Centre
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28th October 2025

Dear Sir

**Re: Construction of stable block, alterations to access and ecological enhancements
Land North Of And Adjacent To St Mary's Church Church Lane Marshfield Cardiff
South Wales
Pl.App.No.: 25/0741**

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.**

We previously commented on a similar application (21/1055) just to the southeast of the current proposal in our letter dated 19th January 2022 and our understanding of the archaeological resource remains unchanged.

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record, curated by this Trust, shows that the proposed application is located within the Gwent Levels Registered Historic Landscape, specifically the Marshfield Character Area (HLCA020), as well as the Newport Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA). It is also close to the intersection between the Old Red Sandstone and the alluvial marshes of the Wentloog Level. As such, it is a likely site for settlement in all periods, allowing the exploitation of the wooded hills, the good agricultural land of the lower slopes and the marshland of the Levels. The suitability of such geological interfaces as likely settlement sites is clearly demonstrated in the immediate area by the medieval settlements of Coedkernew and nearby Blacktown, where archaeological evaluation showed evidence of the medieval settlement of the area. The application is also located close to the Parish Church of St Mary's, which is believed to have medieval origins and is mentioned in documents of the 12th century and whose churchyard contains a medieval cross; a Scheduled Monument (Cadw ref: MM311). Consequently, it may be that similar evidence for medieval settlement exists within the current proposed development area; as the church is likely to have been a focus for settlement and activity in the area during this period.

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. This is consistent with previous applications in the vicinity.

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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 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) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation (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

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