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Our ref: NEW1725/HB

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

22nd June 2026

FAO: Emma Brinkworth

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Livestock Building
Church Farm, Wilcrick Lane, Magor, Newport, NP26 3DA
Pl.App.No.: 26/0252

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 will require archaeological mitigation.**

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the application area is located within 200m of the Medieval Scheduled Monument of the Deserted Medieval Village West of St Mary's Church (Cadw reference MM202) and c400m from the prehistoric Wilcrick Hill Camp (Cadw reference MM127). The HER also notes a number of associated sites in the immediate vicinity, including enclosures likely to be of prehistoric date identified from aerial photography. Ground disturbance ahead of development in the area has encountered archaeological remains.

Given our current understanding of the archaeological resource, there is potential for archaeological remains and deposits to be encountered during any ground disturbing works in the area. Therefore, archaeological mitigation is recommended. This is consistent with our previous response to an earlier application at the site (Pl.App.No.: 23/0575, dated 7th September 2023, Our ref: NEW1653/JBHD).

Therefore, in order to mitigate the impact of the development on the archaeological resource 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 will take the form of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording (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.

Cadeirydd / Chair: Dr Carol Bell

PSG / CEO: Richard Nicholls

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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), [CIfA regulations, standards and guidance](#) | [CIfA](#) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a [CIfA Registered Organisation](#) or a [MCIfA level accredited Member](#) | [CIfA](#)

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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