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Our ref: A64973/MJ

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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
Civic Centre
NEWPORT
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2nd February 2026

Dear Sir

Re: The installation of an underground cable connection from 132kV substation to a data centre:

Land Adjacent To Electric Substation, Celtic Way, Celtic Lakes, Newport.

Pl.App.No.: 25/1071

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) shows the application site is located within the Archaeologically Sensitive Area of the Gwent Levels. There is evidence of activity of prehistoric, Roman and Medieval land reclamation/drainage and settlement in the immediate area, and that significant archaeological deposits are recorded. The application area lies close to All Saints Church, a 19th century building that replaced earlier church buildings, that was converted to a dwelling in 1991 and lies within a circular earth banked enclosure, which is in shape and the whole lies within a much larger enclosure of which vestiges remain. Enclosures of circular shape around churches usually signify that the foundation is of Early Medieval date, certainly pre dating the Norman conquest. It is known that St Gwladys, mother of St Cadoc, founded a church in *Pencarnou* in the 7th century, and Coedkernew is perceived as this location from the examination of other possible sites in the area. It was also usual in Early Medieval Christian sites to have other buildings, forming a settlement, around the church. The application area is approximately 60m north of the church enclosure and likely to be situated closer to or within the wider enclosure.

The proposed development involves the installation of an underground cable connection from 132kV substation to a data centre. We note from the supporting documents that the route of the cable will largely be under the existing roads, and the majority of this would be installed using horizontal directional drilling ('HDD') at a dept of 1.6m . Therefore, it is considered unlikely that buried archaeological remains could be encountered during the groundworks.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development. Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we

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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 the work. 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

Mike Jones

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