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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
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23rd October 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Placement of temporary sports hall for a period of 18 months:
Caerleon Comprehensive School, Cold Bath Road, Caerleon.
Pl.App.No.: 25/0748

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website. **The proposal will require archaeological mitigation.**

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust shows that the proposal is located in an area of high archaeological potential, within the Roman canabae (the civilian settlement), immediately adjoining the fortress of Isca at Caerleon. Adjacent areas have statutory protection and are Scheduled Monuments: to the north, Caerleon Civilian Settlement (Cadw ref: MM231), to the east Caerleon Legionary Fortress (Cadw ref: MM230) and to the south and west Caerleon Civilian Settlement (Broadway Playing Fields) (Cadw ref: MM254). Archaeological work over a number of years has shown the survival of remains of buildings and building material, roads, and a variety of finds relating to the Roman occupation, in the area of the school. Indeed a field evaluation conducted in 2011 on the school noted a Roman occupation layer and Roman ceramics.

The proposed development involves the construction of a temporary sports hall for a period of 18 months. Whilst we note the small scale of the proposal it is located within an area of high archaeological potential, within the Roman canabae (the civilian settlement). Therefore, it is possible that buried archaeological remains could be encountered during the minimal groundworks.

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.

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

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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/cifa) 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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