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Our ref: NEW1660/RD

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

24th September 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Single storey rear extension
St Omer Lodge Road Caerleon Newport NP18 3QX
Pl.App.No.: 25/0633

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 for this site (23/1016) in our letter dated 14th December 2023 and our understanding of the archaeological resource remains unchanged.

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust shows that Lodge Road at this point follows the course of one of the Roman roads (RR60b-01), that exited the fortress to link Caerleon with the fort at Cardiff. The application area is situated on the edge of the canabae, the Roman civilian settlement that surrounded the Roman fortress of Isca, and in an area where previous discoveries indicate that there was Roman cemetery containing both cremation and inhumation burials.

The current proposal is for the construction of an extension. Whilst we note the small scale of the proposal, it is located within an area of high archaeological potential, and in close proximity to a Roman road and cemetery. Therefore, it is possible that buried archaeological remains could be encountered during the 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. This is consistent with previous applications in the vicinity.

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

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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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