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Our ref: NEW1690/MJ

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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
Civic Centre
NEWPORT
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19th February 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Substation:

Phase 4A, Glan Llyn Development Site, Queensway, Llanwern.

Pl.App.No.: 24/1018

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 proposed development site is located within the Gwent Levels Archaeologically Sensitive Area. This is defined for the concentration of evidence of activity relating to the prehistoric, Roman and Medieval periods, particularly relating to land reclamation and water management, with buried land surfaces, and evidence of associated activity. Additionally, it is the site of the Llanwern Works, which was built on the Gwent Levels. Much of the site has been contaminated and remediated and has varying depths of made ground, however, buried land surfaces such as peats are known to survive in some areas.

The proposed development involves the erection of a brick built electric substation. Whilst we note the small scale of the proposal it is located within an archaeologically sensitive area, and on the site of the Llanwern works. Therefore, it is possible that buried archaeological remains could be encountered during the groundworks.

Therefore, in order to mitigate the impact of the development on the archaeological resource we recommend that a condition, for a programme of archaeological work, taking the form of an archaeological watching brief during the groundworks required for the development, should be attached to any consent granted.

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,

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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), [CIfA regulations, standards and guidance](#) | [Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation or a MCIfA level accredited Member [Looking for an archaeologist? | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#).

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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