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Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Newport City Council
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6th May 2025

FAO: Adam Foote

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing visitor centre and construction of new improved visitor centre and associated works
Fourteen Locks Canal Centre, Cwm Lane, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9GN
Pl.App.No.: 25/0249

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

We have consulted the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) which shows the application site is situated within the Conservation Area of Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal and is also adjacent to the boundary of the Scheduled Monument area of Fourteen Locks, Monmouthshire Canal (Cadw ref: MM184). The Scheduled Monument is comprised of a series of fourteen locks, dating to the 18th century and the canal is noted as being constructed between 1792 and 1798 and was connected by tramroad with the Blaenavon ironworks and served to bring its products to the docks at Newport. Given the proximity of the Scheduled Monument Area to the proposed works, it is recommended that **Cadw should also be consulted.**

The HER also shows that there are no recorded sites situated within the redline boundary of the proposed development. Furthermore, a review of the historic Ordnance Survey maps, shows a small rectangular structure situated to the southwest of the existing centre and a limekiln depicted to the southeast, on the First Edition OS map (1883). However, the structure is not depicted on subsequent mapping (1901 to 1937), with only the limekiln shown to the south of the area. The remaining area is largely depicted as open land with no further features depicted.

The application is for the demolition of the existing visitor centre and construction of a new improved visitor centre and associated works. The proposed visitor centre is comprised of a larger footprint but is within ground that has already been developed during the construction of the existing centre, carpark and hardstanding areas, and associated landscaping. The site was also subjected to further development during subsequent extension works to the visitor centre and associated alterations. It is noted from the submitted plans that the recently constructed footpath and walls, within the southern extent of the application area, are to be

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retained. Therefore, it is considered that as the proposed works are largely within the footprint of the existing structure and within ground that has been disturbed from relatively recent development works, it is unlikely that significant remains will be encountered during the proposed works.

Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we 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 any work in the area. 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,

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