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Archaeological Planning

Head of Planning and Transportation The Vale of Glamorgan Council Dock Office Barry Docks BARRY CF63 4RT

FAO Mrs Y J Prichard

Dear Sir

Re: A New Wakeboarding Sporting Facility At Cosmeston Lakes
Country Park. New Installation Of Electric Cable Wakeboarding
System Equipment And A Mechanical Store. New Installation Of Male
Changing Facilities And The Wake Park Reception. Conversion Of
Parks Store Room To House Female Changing Area Located At
Cosmeston Visitor Centre
Cosmeston Lakes, Cosmeston Country Park, Lavernock Road, Penarth
Pl.App.No.: 2016/01441

We noted this application when we reviewed your weekly planning list; consequently we have consulted the detailed information contained on your website and identified that the proposal has an archaeological restraint.

We have examined the Historic Environment Record for the proposed work and find that it lies within Cosmeston Country Park. The park has a history of human habitation extending to the prehistoric period. Within the vicinity of application there are known archaeological remains of Prehistoric, Roman and medieval date. The park encompasses the site of a known deserted medieval village.

A significant number of archaeological studies have found archaeological resource from the full range of dates. Therefore it remains a possibility that the proposed work will encounter buried remains, particularly in the placing of anchor points for the pylons, and perhaps in ground works for services to the changing rooms.

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

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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 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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