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FAO Mr I Robinson

Dear Sir

**Re: Residential development of up to 190 units with associated access
and associated works:
Land West of Swanbridge Road, Sully
Pl.App.No.: 2016/01520/OUT**

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

As noted in the Heritage Desk-Based Assessment submitted in support of this application, there is a long and rich history of human occupation in this area. Numerous Mesolithic and Neolithic flint scatters have previously been discovered within the project area and its near vicinity. The site of a Roman building has been recorded a short distance to the south, and the project area is considered to have likely been an attractive location for prehistoric and Roman settlement due to its favourable topography and aspect. A geophysical survey has been carried out, which shows little evidence of human activity; however, given the tangible evidence of prehistoric occupation it would be unsafe to make assumptions based on one geophysical methodology alone, particularly in respect of a negative result. In addition, there is substantial evidence of Medieval and Post-Medieval activity in and around the immediate area of the property, as evidenced by a number of Listed buildings. Consequently, there is a substantial likelihood that important archaeological remains from the prehistoric period may be present within the project area.

It would be onerous to impose a preplanning condition on this application and 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 fieldwalking during the initial stages of site clearance, which will allow targeted mitigation of any scatters of archaeological material found, followed by topsoil stripping around targeted clusters of material allowing

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the recording of areas show to include prehistoric activity. The scheme should include 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.

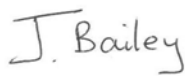
Reason: To identify and record any features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, in order to mitigate the impact of the works on the archaeological resource.

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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