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FAO: Robert Lankshear

Dear Sir

Re: Hybrid Planning Application for Residential Development for up to 250 Dwellings (Submitted in OUTLINE), Associated Highway and Bridge Improvement/Realignment Works (Submitted in FULL). Development Involves the Demolition of All Buildings on Site and of the Existing B4267 Leckwith Road Bridge.
Leckwith Quay, Leckwith Road, Leckwith.
Pl.App.No.: 2020/01218/HYB.

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have consulted the detailed information contained on your website; **it remains the case that the proposal requires archaeological mitigation.**

You will recall our response to the original submission of this application, in our letter of December 2020. In this, we noted that the Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposal is located in an area of archaeological potential with Leckwith Bridge being a Scheduled Monument and a Grade II* Listed Building. The submitted documents included a desk-based assessment, compiled by GGAT Projects (report no. 2019/041, dated August 2019) and included in the Environmental Statement as Chapter 9: Archaeology and Built Heritage. The assessment identified a potential adverse effect on a number of structures including two bridges, Leckwith Bridge House, limekiln, weir etc, as well as the potential for encountering currently unknown archaeological and palaeoenvironmental remains. As a result, the document recommends a range of mitigation measures including preservation *in-situ*, building recording and archaeological watching brief.

Such an approach is appropriate and as such we recommend preservation *in-situ* wherever possible and that two conditions, one for the recording of the identified structures and one requiring the applicant to submit a written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological works prior to the commencement of the development, should be attached to any planning consent granted by your Members. This will ensure that archaeological and architectural investigations are carried out to mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

Our response to the submission of the additional detail does not alter our understanding of the archaeological and historic environment resource, and it remains the case that we have no objection to the determination of the consent as long as these conditions are attached and implemented.

We recommend that building surveys are made of the identified structures prior to work commencing. To ensure that work is carried out in a suitable manner, we therefore suggest that a condition worded in a manner similar to model condition 73

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given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014 is attached to any consent that is granted in response to the current application. This condition is worded:-

No works to which this consent relates shall commence until an appropriate programme of historic building recording and analysis has been secured and implemented in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority

The justification for the imposition of the condition would therefore be: -

Reason: As the buildings are of architectural and cultural significance the specified records are required to mitigate impact.

The second condition will require 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, 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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