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Our ref: VOG1454/MJ

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Transportation  
The Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Dock Office  
Barry Docks  
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21st June 2024

Dear Sir

**Re: Full planning application for residential development together with engineering, drainage, landscaping, highways and other associated works**  
**Land off Sandy Lane, Ystradowen**  
**Pl.App.No.: 2023/00948**

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.**

We previously commented on this application in our letter dated 30th October 2023, and our understanding of the archaeological resource of the area remains unchanged.

Information in the Historic Environment Record indicates that the application area is located in an area of archaeological potential. The submitted Archaeological Desk Based Assessment ((GGAT Archaeological Services, 2023, 2023/009) indicates that there was low potential for encountering remains prior to the medieval period, and a medium potential for encountering remains from the medieval, Post-medieval and Modern periods.

We concur with such conclusions and whilst we note the current amendments, it remains the case that we recommend 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 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

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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](http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa)) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation ([www.archaeologists.net/ro](http://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

*Mike Jones*

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