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18th November 2022

FAO: Robert Lankshear

Dear Sir

Re: Proposed New Specialised School and Associated Access, Landscape and Engineering Works:
Land at Lower Cosmeston Farm, Lavernock.
PI.App.No.: 2022/01113/RG3.

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

You will recall our response to 2021/00876 in our letter of 18 July 2022 2021. In this, we noted the submission of an archaeological desk-based assessment by HCUK (dated December 2020, report no. 06365A) which concludes that 'overall the archaeological potential of the Site is considered quite low, although moderate for stray finds of Mesolithic and Neolithic date as well as for medieval agricultural activity (including former field boundaries and remains of strip fields).' The assessment now references the geophysical survey and describes the subsequent placing of trenches for the archaeological field evaluation conducted in advance of the proposed development.

Other documents now submitted include a Heritage Impact Assessment (HCUK, September 2021, reference 06365B); and the report on the field evaluation (undertaken by and report by GGAT Archaeological Services, dated April 2022 reference 2022/024). Fourteen trenches were excavated, however only a single feature was encountered, a post-Medieval field boundary. The results of the evaluation suggest that it is unlikely that significant archaeological remains would be encountered during the course of the application.

Also of significance is Lower Cosmeston Farm itself, a farmstead composed of four main structures ranging in date from the 17th century to the 19th century. Whilst the Farm is located immediately adjacent to the application, the proposed plans do not appear to affect the structures, preserving them *in-situ*.

Consequently, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development and therefore, 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 the work. 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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