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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Transportation
The Vale of Glamorgan Council
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16th January 2024

Dear Sir

Re: Proposed provision of above and below ground utilities, associated infrastructure and reprofiling of land
Land at Bro Tathan, St Athan
Pl.App.No.: 2023/01076

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website and can confirm that **the proposal requires archaeological mitigation.**

Information in the Historic Environment Record indicates that the application area is located in an area of archaeological potential. Numerous archaeological sites ranging from Bronze Age round barrows to World War II pillboxes are located in the vicinity. There is also a Scheduled Monument in the form of West Orchard Manor House (Cadw ref. GM083). Accordingly an Archaeological Scoping and Method Statement (Tetrattech, dated July 2023) and a Written Scheme of Investigation for a Watching Brief (Tetrattech, dated July 2023) have been submitted. The documents assess the proposed development against the archaeological resource, identifying areas that have previously been heavily disturbed or subject to archaeological evaluation, as well as areas that will require archaeological monitoring. We also note the potential impact of the proposal on the West Orchard Manor House and the likely requirement for Scheduled Monument Consent from Cadw.

Designated sites aside, clearly there is the potential for encountering archaeological material during the course of the proposed works, although we note the disturbed nature of sections of the proposed works and parts that have been previously evaluated. Overall, we concur with the proposals set out in the above documents.

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 targeted 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

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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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