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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Transportation  
The Vale of Glamorgan Council  
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15th May 2024

Dear Sir

**Re: Development at land to the south of Blackton Lane and west of Port Road for a new Advanced Technology Centre for Cardiff and Vale College including landscaping, related infrastructure and engineering works**  
**Land to the South of Blackton Lane and West of Port Road, Rhoose**  
**Pl.App.No.: 2024/00329**

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. As such we note the submission of both an Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (Lichfields, dated 11th January 2024) and an archaeological evaluation (Wessex Archaeology report no. 291110.03, dated March 2024). The work has identified a 'moderate' potential for archaeological remains, with the evaluation trenching encountering footings associated with a large complex of buildings shown on OS mapping and aerial photography. They have been identified as 10 RAF accommodation buildings which include communal and segregated sleeping areas, sick quarters, water management site and an operations block. The above-ground elements of the structures were demolished between 1965 and 1969.

Despite the likely levelling and landscaping of the area, it is clear that below-ground remains have survived and may be encountered during the course of the proposed development.

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 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

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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](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

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