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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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FAO: Ceiri Rowlands

Dear Sir

**Re: Hybrid Application Comprising an Outline Application for the Demolition of Existing Buildings and Erection of 44.75ha Class B1/B2/B8 Business Park, Car Parking, Landscaping, Drainage Infrastructure, Ecological Mitigation and Ancillary Works (All Matters Reserved Aside From Access) Within Area A and a Full Application for Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Country Park (Use Class D2) within Area B: Land at Model Farm, Port Road, Rhoose.**  
**Pl.App.No.: 2019/00871/OUT.**

Thank you for consulting us regarding the amended details and description of this application: it remains the case that **the proposal will require archaeological mitigation.**

You will recall from our previous correspondence, most recently of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, that information in the Historic Environment Record shows that there are a number of archaeological and historic environment sites and findspots within the proposed development area. These range from findspots from Neolithic to modern date, and features of platforms related to buildings for agriculture, modern military features, including a crash site, and quarrying and transport. These are described in the supporting documentation in the archaeological desk based assessment (CGMS, July 2019). The impact upon these of the proposed development has been assessed and concluded that the mitigation can be by condition rather than pre-determination.

We understand that the amendments to the application include the updated description, and an addendum to the ES to update relevant sections. There are no updates envisaged for the historic environment, and therefore our response remains the same.

In order to mitigate and inform further investigation, therefore, our recommendation is for a condition to be attached to any consent granted by your Members; this will ensure the submission and implementation of a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological work to protect the historic environment and archaeological resource.

We envisage that this programme of work would include but not be limited to: geophysical survey, which may enable targeted fieldwork, which may include a strip, map and record of some areas if these cannot be excluded from a final

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masterplan, and would also include an archaeological watching brief during groundworks required for the development, including any demolition, construction of roads and foundations, and services installation and any hard landscaping, 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 hand excavation and sampling that may prove necessary, post-excavation recording and assessment; 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 Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), "Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief" ([www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa](http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa)) and it is our Policy to recommend that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation (<https://www.archaeologists.net/civcrm-contact-distance-search>) or an MCIfA level accredited Member.*

If you have any questions or require further advice on the matters covered in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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