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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Transportation  
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10th August 2022

Dear Sir

**Re: Demolition of the existing dwelling and redevelopment of the site to accommodate residential development and associated works**  
**Land at Bolston House, Bonvilston**  
**Pl.App.No.: 2021/00423**

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.**

We previously commented on this application in our letter dated 17th May 2021, and our understanding of the archaeological resource of the area remains unchanged.

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record, curated by this Trust, includes an entry for an aircraft crash site within the proposed development area. Specifically, the crash site of Supermarine Spitfire N3221. However, the further information file on the asset indicates that the Spitfire broke up in the air over Bonvilston (on the 6th February 1943), with the wreckage recorded in fields below Pendoylan. As a result it is unlikely that associated remains will be located within the proposed development area.

The proposal is located adjacent to the A48, which at this point follows the line of the Roman road from Cardiff to Neath (Roman road RR60c). It is also located in proximity to the medieval core of Bonvilston. As a result there is the potential for associated archaeological remains to be located in the area, and so be adversely affected by the proposals.

Whilst we note the current amendments, it remains 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 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

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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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