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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning and Transportation
The Vale of Glamorgan Council
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6th December 2022

Dear Sir

Re: Residential development of up to 105 dwellings, open space and associated highway and drainage infrastructure
Land between Windmill Lane and St Athan Road, Cowbridge
Pl.App.No.: 2022/00958

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 (HER) indicates that the application area is located in an area of archaeological potential. A bivallate hillslope enclosure, likely dating to the Iron Age is located on the site. The feature is semi-circular in shape, truncated to the north by a hedgebank and composed of a bank and ditch, measuring approximately 10m across both, with a diameter of 28m.

Accordingly we recommended a geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology Report no. COWG20, dated January 2021) and a field evaluation (Border Archaeology Report no. BA2270WLC/REP, dated December 2022). Whilst the Metalwork Assessment Report is forthcoming, the report allows an informed recommendation to be made regarding requisite mitigation for the proposed development. The evaluation confirmed the presence of the enclosure, as well a possible pit/ditch terminus.

Clearly there is the potential for encountering archaeological material during the course of the proposed works. As such 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 targeted excavation of the enclosure and pit/ditch, as well as an appropriate buffer zone. In addition to 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 manner similar to model condition 24 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014

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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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