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Subject: FAO: SEH RE: P/2022/0733 at The Mount, Tower Hill, Acrefair, Wrexham
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Attachments: [March 23 CPAT Contractors Information.pdf](#)
[March 23 CPAT Watching Brief General Requirements.pdf](#)
[Email - Neil Bayliss - SEH Sharon Holman WB.pdf](#)

Good afternoon, Sharon,

Regarding the planning application referenced above.

We recommended the Watching Brief on the groundworks in an email on 8/9/22 (see attached), I have updated the guidance for submission to the HER on the recommendation below and attach the latest guidance notes to this email.

Information held within the Regional Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposed works will be on the site of The Old Brick Works shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey mapping. With the information available I recommend that a condition of an **Archaeological Watching Brief** be placed on the application as the groundworks may uncover earlier structures on the site, including brick kilns, building features and artefacts of all periods. This is in accordance with the Planning Policy Wales (Feb 2021) and TAN 24 (May 2017) guidance, and an appropriate condition is supplied below.

The works should be completed by an archaeologist who is part of a **recognised professional archaeological organisation** working to the Standard and Guidance of the **Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIFA)** relating to an archaeological watching brief. The archaeologist should be working in accordance with an approved written scheme of investigation (**WSI**) and should preferably be part of a Registered Archaeological Organisation with CIFA accreditation.

A suitable condition to facilitate the watching brief is provided below along with guidance notes for the applicant on how to commission archaeological works.

The condition in this case would be:

Archaeological Watching Brief

Suggested planning condition to facilitate an archaeological watching brief:

*The developer shall ensure that a suitably **qualified archaeological contractor** is present during any groundworks for the application area so that an archaeological watching brief can be conducted. The archaeological watching brief must meet the standards laid down by the **Chartered Institute for Archaeologists** Standard and Guidance for archaeological watching briefs.*

A copy of the resulting report should be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Development Control Archaeologist, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust
(neil.bayliss@cpat.org.uk)

On approval by the Local Planning Authority, project data must be submitted and approved for inclusion in the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust's Historic Environment Record [CPAT HER]. For any questions regarding this submission process, please contact the HER Team at her@cpat.org.uk. The full digital archive must also be submitted and approved for inclusion within the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW or the Archaeology Data Service, ADS.

Reason: *To secure preservation by record of any archaeological remains which may be revealed during ground excavations for the consented development.*

I have attached documents for the **Archaeological Watching Brief**, and guidance on sources of archaeological contractors who may wish to tender for this work.

The chosen **archaeological contractor** will need to submit a **WSI** (written scheme of investigation) document to me for approval before they can commence works on site. Please contact me again if you wish to discuss this advice or require more information.

Kind regards,

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