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Subject: [DKIM:INVALID] P/2022/0448 Extension to Ballswood Quarry, Llay - Archaeology
Attachments: ARCHAEOLOGY AND PLANNING IN WALES 8 MARCH 2021.pdf; Contractors Information.doc

Dear Hannah

Thank you for the consultation on this quarry extension application.

We note the changes to the quarry extraction areas which are varied from application P2016/0110 under the previous application P/2021/0486. The archaeological assessment report for the earlier application clearly indicated that there is some potential for unrecorded prehistoric archaeology of Neolithic and later date in the fields surrounding the development area and suggested a programme of mitigation in 5.12.

Of the two proposed extraction areas Area A, which is currently still under agricultural use, has the highest potential for archaeological survival. Area B has been extensively altered by topsoiling, vehicle passage and ongoing extraction and is of no concern.

We would agree with the conclusions set out in section 5 and 5.1.2 of the cultural heritage assessment report and therefore recommend that Area A is the subject of archaeological mitigation using a programme of strip/map/excavate monitoring during initial topsoil and subsoil removal works. Machines should use toothless buckets to clear upper soil levels to reveal any potential archaeology beneath. Vehicles should not track over these stripped areas until the archaeological team have confirmed that no archaeology is present, or it has been fully recorded. This should be completed under close archaeological supervision and any archaeological remains identified must fully excavated, recorded, reported and archived in accordance with CIFA standards and guidance. I have included a condition below which will allow these works to progress:

Suggested planning condition to facilitate a scheme of archaeological investigation/excavation of Area A as a condition of consent.

No development shall take place within the application area until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The archaeological programme of work will be undertaken and completed in accordance with the relevant Standards and Guidance laid down by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. A copy of the resulting report should be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Development Control Archaeologist, (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, The Offices, Coed y Dinas, Welshpool, SY21 8RP Email: mark.walters@cpat.org.uk Tel: 01938 553670). After approval by the Local Planning Authority, a copy of the report and resulting archive should be sent to the Historic Environment Record Officer, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust for inclusion in the regional Historic Environment Record and to the National Monuments Record, RCAHMS.

Reason: To secure preservation by record of all archaeological remains which will be impacted by the development in Area A

The applicant will need to engage a CIFA registered archaeological contracting organisation to complete these works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (WSI) document forwarded by the chosen archaeological contractor and approved in advance by myself and the Local Planning Authority.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above.

Kind regards

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