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To: planning
Subject: P/2018/0105 Aldi Supermarket, Plas Coch Retail Park, Plas Coch, Wrexham - Archaeological Investigation Condition
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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

The proposed extensions to the existing store are located immediately south of an area of Roman period activity associated with a possible farmstead and surrounding field system. The plot immediately to the north contained evidence of Roman arable farming with a badly damaged building inside an enclosure, corn drying kilns and ditch field boundaries. The activity continued beyond the 1994-1996 excavation area in all directions and the full extent of the Roman farm was never defined (see report attached). At the time of the excavations the existing Aldi store was already built, but excavation to the north showed that deeper Roman period features may still survive beneath the northern car park area and the plot to the east of the Aldi store.

We would therefore recommend that these two extension areas are the subject of an archaeological investigation as a condition of consent. This would allow controlled soil stripping within the extension areas down to the maximum formation level of the extensions. Any archaeology identified within this depth can then be fully recorded. This advice is given in accordance with guidance set out in WG TAN 24 (2017) and Planning Policy Wales, Chapter 6 (2018) and the relevant local planning policies (EC11). The archaeological works should be carried out at the pre-construction phase after the current modern surfaces have been removed.

In this case the condition would be:

Suggested planning condition to facilitate a scheme of archaeological investigation 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 (41 Broad Street, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7RR Email: markwalters@cpat.org.uk Tel: 01938 553670). After approval by the Local Planning Authority, a copy of the report and resulting archive should also be sent to the Historic Environment Record Officer, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust for inclusion in the regional Historic Environment Record.

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

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this advice or require more information.

Kind regards

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