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To: planning_admin
Cc: Kevin Hughes
Subject: P/2016/0505 Former Air Products Site, Llangollen Road, Acrefair - Archaeological Excavation Condition
Attachments: Advice on Commissioning Archaeological Work.doc; Contractors List 2016.doc

Dear Kevin

Thank you for the consultation paperwork relating to the above proposals.

Information retained within the Regional Historic Environment Record indicates that this application falls in an area of high archaeological sensitivity. The site was formerly occupied by the Acrefair Iron Works and the British Iron Company Iron Works and the site has been the focus of industrial activity since at least 1817. The site is surrounded by other industrial sites including former coke works, brick and tile works and collieries. The site was formerly crossed by the Llangollen Railway and accessed via multiple mineral railways taking raw materials into the site and cast products out to market.

A prior desktop assessment and radar survey of the site has confirmed the above history and the radar survey also indicated that sub-surface preservation of the various structural phases of development of the iron works are well preserved. The key areas of archaeological interest include the early blast furnace site and its surrounding buildings in the northern half of the site together with the later 19th century expansion of the iron works further to the south.

The blast furnace site will be located beneath the 'site for future development' to the north of the red boundary of this application. The 19th century expansion buildings will be located to the south in the area of residential development. Both areas will therefore be impacted by future development to varying degrees depending on the nature of the initial ground preparation, construction and landscaping works.

It should also be noted that on the southern boundary of the site there are preserved 19th century industrial kilns built into the slope. These remains should be fully preserved, consolidated, restored and interpreted within the scheme along with information derived from the excavation of the iron works.

Consequently we would recommend that the sub-surface remains of the former ironworks are the subject of an appropriate archaeological investigation as a condition of consent. This work will include the prior stripping of this area under archaeological control, with subsequent mapping of features revealed and the excavation of all areas where a direct construction impact will occur down to the formation level of the new dwellings, access roads and services.

I have attached a suitable investigation condition below which will allow this work to commence:

Suggested planning condition to facilitate a scheme of archaeological investigation/excavation 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 excavation 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

The applicant will need to obtain a professional archaeological contractor to complete this work in accordance with an approved written scheme of investigation. I have attached an advisory list of archaeological contractors who may wish to tender for this work along with a guidance note for the applicant on how to commission archaeological works. Please pass these onto the applicant so that they are fully aware of the requirements.

I would be grateful if you could keep me informed on the progress of this application.

Kind regards

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