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Subject: [DKIM:INVALID] P/2021/0268 Extension to rear of 60 Alexandra Road, Wrexham - Archaeological Watching Brief
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Dear Sharon

Thank you for the consultation on this application

Information retained within the regional Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposed extension to the rear of the property will potentially be located across the former north-south alignment of the monument known as Wat's Dyke (PRN 27396). Although the former bank and western ditch have clearly been erased here there is good potential for the survival of the base of the bank, any early land surface and features it covered, and the edge of the backfilled western ditch.

We would therefore recommend that an archaeologist is contracted to be present throughout any ground reduction work for the new raft or strip foundations in order that an adequate record of any archaeological features revealed by these works can be made. This advice is in accordance with the guidance set out in WG TAN 24 (May 2017) and Planning Policy Wales (Feb 2021)

The archaeologist should be part of a recognised professional archaeological organisation working to the Standard and Guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists relating to an Archaeological Watching Brief. The archaeologist should be working in accordance with an approved written scheme of investigation (WSI).

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

Suggested planning condition to facilitate an archaeological watching brief

The developer shall ensure that a suitably qualified archaeological contractor is present during the undertaking of any ground works in the development 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 and will be completed in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been approved in advance by the Local Planning Authority. 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, Powys, SY21 8RP Email: mark.walters@cpat.org.uk). 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 and to the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW, Aberystwyth

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

I have attached a guidance note on completing watching briefs for the applicant together with information on sources of contractors who may wish to tender for the work.

Should you wish to discuss the above recommendation further please contact me again.

Kind regards

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