

P/2020/0738 Halan Y Ddaear, Lane From Higher Wych Road To Iscoyd Brook, Higher Wych, Bronington Email 3/2/2021

Dear Simon

Thank you for the consultation on this application for a new agricultural worker's dwelling to be erected adjacent to the current agricultural building on this site in the south-east corner of the field. While there are no archaeological sites recorded on the Historic Environment Record within the development boundary the field in which the development is located does contain records for two separate individual medieval coin finds and a hoard of 15 medieval coins (PRN's 118992, 118991, 141475, 141476). The hoard and the other coins were either casually lost or deliberately hidden here sometime after 1465. While the field has been the scene of a metal detector rally in the past and further individual metal detecting has also taken place, there is a minor potential within the development boundary for additional coin finds, or potentially associated sub-surface activity related to the coin hoard deposition.

We would therefore recommend that an archaeologist is contracted to be present throughout the ground reduction work for the new foundations in order that an adequate record of any archaeological features revealed by these works can be made. The archaeologist should also complete a systematic metal detector sweep of the plot before and during the early stages of construction with collection, mapping, reporting and conservation of any finds. This advice is in accordance with the guidance set out in WG TAN 24 (May 2017) and Planning Policy Wales (Dec 2018)

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.

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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Please note that our office is closed due to the coronavirus situation and I am working from home

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