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Subject: [DKIM:INVALID] FW: P/2020/0138 New farm building and access track - Land to west of Cefn Road, Bwlchgwyn - Archaeological Watching brief
Attachments: Contractors Information.doc; Watching Brief - General Requirements.docx

Dear Sir or Madam

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 potential archaeological sensitivity. The proposed access track and possibly the stripped hardstanding around the new shed are located within the predicted alignment of a Roman road from the Roman settlement at Ffrith to the Roman fort at Caer Gai (PRN 47971). The construction of the track and shed foundations may reveal sub-surface evidence of this road which would need to be recorded if it is impacted by the development.

Accordingly we would recommend that an archaeologist is contracted to be present throughout the duration of top soiling, foundation trench cutting, and service trench excavation works 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 TAN 24 (May 2017) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10 Nov. 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:

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. 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: mark.walters@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 any archaeological remains which may be revealed during ground excavations for the consented development.

I have attached a standard brief for this work and information on archaeological contractors that the applicant may wish to engage. Please forward this information to the applicants so that they are fully aware of the requirements.

Should you wish to discuss the above recommendations do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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