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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

Information retained within the Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposed extension will be located within the medieval historic core of Worthenbury as defined in the Medieval Historic Settlements Survey (see <https://cpat.org.uk/ycom/wrexham/wrexham.htm>).

The plot lies to the rear of a frontage which is believed to have formed part of the medieval layout of the early settlement here. In addition the Worthenbury placename, and perhaps some earthworks around the perimeter of the village, suggest that the village may lie on the site of a Saxon burh or defended town. The extension location is within a narrow plot extending to the back boundary and these linear plots typically contain evidence of former outbuildings, refuse pits, ditched boundaries, gardens and light industrial activity. Remains of these features may be revealed during the excavation of any new foundations.

We would therefore recommend that appropriate archaeological monitoring of the foundation excavations should take place so that any archaeology identified can be fully recorded. 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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