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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

Information retained within the Regional Historic Environment Record indicates that the development is located just outside the medieval historic core of Wrexham, but within an area that was developed in the post medieval period. Information from the first and second edition OS mapping indicates that the site of the car park was formerly occupied by a terrace of buildings which were built sometime between 1840 and 1879. These buildings are likely to have been workers housing, but their original function is not known. The foundations of the proposed development and ground preparation works to create the ground floor parking spaces may reveal sub-surface archaeology related to these former buildings. We would therefore require an appropriate level of archaeological monitoring during the initial ground preparation works to identify and record any features that may be revealed.

Accordingly we would recommend that an archaeologist is contracted to be present throughout the duration of initial topsoiling, ground preparation and foundation 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 Welsh Government TAN 24: The Historic Environment (May 2017) Planning Policy Wales (Chapter 6, Edn.9 Nov 2016).

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. The Local Planning Authority will be informed in writing, at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the development, of the name of the said archaeological contractor. 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 any archaeological remains which may be revealed during ground excavations for the consented development.

I have attached a guidance note on completing watching briefs and a brief for the applicant together with an advice sheet about engaging archaeological contractors who may wish to tender for the work. Please forward these to the applicant so that they are fully informed of the requirements.

Kind regards

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