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Dear Philip

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

Information retained within the Regional Historic Environment Record indicates that the development is located immediately adjacent to the former Althrey Hall Grade II* Listed Building. Althrey Hall is a former timber framed 16th century hall house with later extensions and recent renovation. It is believed to have been located on the site of a medieval moated house although this has never been archaeologically proven.

The proposed new garage is located on the site of former outbuildings located to the east of the hall. The function and date of these buildings is not known. They appear on the 1840 tithe map and subsequent 1st and 2nd edition OS maps. In addition if there was a moated site in this location the moat platform or the surrounding ditch may be located in this area. Any ground reduction in the garage footprint area for a floor level or foundations may therefore reveal sub-surface archaeology associated with the above features.

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 and Planning Policy Wales (Edn.10, 2018)

The archaeologist should be part of a recognized professional archaeological organization 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.

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 for the applicant together with information on sources of archaeological 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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