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**From:** Mark Walters <Mark@cpat.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 December 2015 12:01  
**To:** planning\_admin  
**Subject:** P/2015/0910 Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions - Solar Farm at The Grange, Plas Bennion Road, Penycae - Archaeology

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the consultation on this application.

We originally wrote to you on 10/8/15 informing you that an archaeological assessment report was imminent, but that we had not seen it and it was not available on your planning portal at that time. We asked to be notified when the archaeological report was received so that we could comment further. Unfortunately it appears that neither the LPA or the archaeological contractor attempted any further contact with us and the application was subsequently given permission without reference to the recommendations made in the archaeological assessment report. Guidance set out in WO Circular 60/96, Planning Policy Wales, Ch.6 The Historic Environment and the relevant UDP policies has therefore been ignored in this case and impacts to archaeological remains may occur.

The recommendations (sections 10 and 11, page 17) included a pre-determination geophysical survey of the western field of Site B to try and locate sub-surface archaeology associated with the former Plas Madoc Furnace and an area of exclusion along the southern boundary of Site B to protect the route of the former Plas Madoc Railway.

I assume that no new conditions can be recommended now and that we will consequently have no mitigation in place for the identified archaeology. If possible the layout should at least be adjusted to avoid the Plas Madoc Railway on the southern boundary and I wonder if you could confirm whether this can be achieved ?

Regards

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