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Subject: [DKIM:INVALID] P/2021/0540 LBC for garden room extension to west side of Penley Old Hall, Penley - Archaeological Watching Brief Condition
Attachments: Archaeological Watching Brief.docx; Contractors Information.doc; ARCHAEOLOGY AND PLANNING IN WALES 8 MARCH 2021.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the consultation on the above proposals.

The proposed extension will be added to the west side of the Penley Old Hall Grade II listed building (PRN 17318). The Built Heritage Conservation Officer will therefore need to be consulted about the appropriate design, layout and materials to be used which should respect the special architectural character of the existing building and result in no new damage to the historic fabric.

The infill extension is added to the west side of the hall which was substantially altered and rebuilt in 1992. The existing hall is thought to lie on the site of a much earlier hall which was dismantled in the 17th century and much of its timber incorporated into the house at that time. The exact location of this earlier hall is unknown, and it may have been on a different orientation to the present structure. The foundations of the new garden room may therefore reveal traces of this earlier structure during the excavation of new foundations.

We would therefore recommend that an archaeologist is contracted to be present throughout any initial ground reduction work for the new extension foundations so 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 WG TAN 24 (May 2017) and Planning Policy Wales (Feb 2021). All initial ground reduction works to formation level must be completed with a machine using a toothless bucket and constant archaeological supervision. Any archaeological deposits revealed must be cleaned, recorded and excavated to the maximum formation level of the construction features.

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 and will be completed in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been approved in advance by the Local Planning Authority. A copy of the resulting report should be submitted to the Local Planning

Authority and the Development Control Archaeologist, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (The Offices, Coed y Dinas, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RP Email: mark.walters@cpat.org.uk). 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 and to the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW, Aberystwyth

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 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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