Dear Chris and Jack

Dated 18.08.20

I noted the online website for the pre-application submission and as we have not been included within the pre-application consultation so far I thought I would comment.

The fields here currently contain no archaeological records on the Historic Environment Record but do lie immediately east of the scheduled Gwyn Fynydd Enclosure (SAM MG064) and the Roman road alignment leading north from Caersws. Due to the proximity fo the features there is a potential for sub-surface archaeology of prehistoric and later date within the caravan site development boundary and this will need to be assessed with geophysical survey and follow-up investigative trenching. Normally for the geophysical surveys we recommend using TigerGeo <http://www.tigergeo.com/> who use the preferred caesium-vapor method of magnetometry. The whole of the red boundary development area would need to be investigated with geophysics at the pre-determination stage including any access and drainage areas.

In addition the area is very archaeologically sensitive from a landscape point of view view ie. it is within the wider setting of the scheduled Gwyn Fynydd enclosure (SM MG064) which may trigger a setting impact assessment from Cadw. It is also within the Caersws Basin Registered Historic Landscape of Special Historic Interest (HLW P 5) <https://www.cpat.org.uk/projects/longer/histland/caersws/1178.htm> and the component Penbedw Historic Landscape Character Area <https://www.cpat.org.uk/projects/longer/histland/caersws/swsint.htm#1178%20Penbedw> and the development may therefore trigger an ASIDOHL2 assessment and require consultation with Cadw. We would therefore recommed that you consult Cadw as soon as possible with supporting documents so that they can advise on any assessment that may be necessary. The Cadw contact would be Mr Neil Maylan (Senior Historic Environemnt Officer) via cadwplanning@gov.wales and neil.maylan002@gov.wales

I look forward to receiving further information as it becomes available.

Kind regards

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