Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

Consultation: Cornwall Archaeological Advice Request

Ref: P/24/019/COU

Consultee:

Date: 3rd April 2024

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Site: Circus Field, Church Road, Hugh Town, St Mary's.

Proposal: Temporary use of field for construction site welfare facilities and the storage of materials

in conjunction with planning ref P/24/006/FUL.

You are being consulted on this application as archaeological input is required to inform the decision. Please complete the response form below and return to planning@scilly.gov.uk as soon as possible and no later than **24th April 2024** or by post to the Planning Department, Town Hall, The Parade, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Link - https://scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p24019cou

Comments: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record (HER) and the submitted documents including the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) (Johns 24th February 2024).

RE: Protection of the Scheduled Monument during the construction and decommissioning of the compound

While the proposed plan shows that the compound will be bounded by heras fencing, the application is not supported by a statement on how the protection of the Scheduled Monument will be managed before this is in place (as there is a risk that it will be tracked over inadvertently by a contractor). This could include temporary safety barrier mesh fencing mounted on road irons.

We also welcome the suggestion in Section 6 of the HIA that a heritage champion is nominated in the construction team to ensure the safety of the Scheduled Monument during the construction phase, the use of the compound and during its decommissioning.

In this respect, we advise that a statement from the applicant should be submitted in support of the application.

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RE: archaeological mitigation

In terms of field boundary recording, in this instance, we do not consider a recording condition is required, due to the small section of boundary which will be breached.

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However, as an advisory, we encourage the applicant to replicate the materials and character of the existing boundary in the rebuilt. Materials for the rebuilt boundary should, if possible, come from the breached section (as indicated on the proposed plan submitted in support of P/24/019/COU. If stone for facing the rebuild is to be brought on to site. it should be carefully chosen to replicate as closely as possible, the rock type, colour and size of the stonework within the existing boundary. Stone for refacing should NOT be taken from other boundaries, historic buildings or any other archaeological feature.

Please re-consult us once a statement outlining the protection of the Scheduled Monument during the construction and decommissioning of the compound.

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