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Consultation: Cornwall Archaeological Advice Request

Consultee:**Date:** 6th March 2025**Ref:** P/25/008/FUL**Site:** South West Water Pumping Station, Little Porth, Hugh Town, St Mary's.**Proposal:** Redevelopment of the Bishop and Wolf Sewage Pumping Station, including the construction of an enlarged wastewater infrastructure building and temporary construction compound on land at Parsons Field (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building).

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 **27th March 2025** or by post to the Planning Department, Old Wesleyan Chapel, Garrison Lane, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0JD.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Comments: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

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Thank you for consulting us on this application.

We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record and the supporting documents, and note that the application site is located in close proximity to two areas of known burials and settlement activity of probable early medieval and Later prehistoric/Romano-British date (MCO31170; MCO31027).

Because of the likelihood of windblown sands in the area, the soil conditions are favourable for the survival of human and animal bones in any buried archaeological features.

We currently have limited archaeological evidence for well-preserved articulated human remains for the Late Iron Age and the early medieval period on the islands and in Cornwall.

For these reasons, the application site has a high potential for surviving evidence to better understand the Isles of Scilly and SW Britain in the early medieval and later prehistoric periods.

The supporting Design and Access (Aardvark January 2025) and Environmental Statements (Pell Frischmann 06/01/2025) also highlight this potential and that the groundworks required for the

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construction compound on Parson's Green and the new pumping station could reveal buried archaeology of high importance.

We therefore advise that archaeological monitoring and recording should be undertaken during groundworks for the construction phase of the proposed scheme, undertaken by a suitably qualified organisation or individual, and to the guidance provided by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and where relevant, Historic England. HEP Archaeology would advise, for the above reasons, that any consent issued should carry the condition as worded below of sections A-C inclusive (please do not split into separate Conditions or treat separately), which includes words recommended by the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO), as follows:

A) No groundworks or development shall take place until a project design\ Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological recording has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The WSI shall include an assessment of significance and research questions, and:

1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
2. The programme for post investigation assessment
3. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording
4. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
5. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
6. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation

B) No groundworks or development shall take place other than in accordance with the project design/Written Scheme of Investigation approved under (A).

C) The archaeological recording condition will only be discharged when all elements of the WSI including on site works, analysis, report, publication (where applicable) and archive work has been completed, and a final report has been submitted to, and approved by, the Local Planning Authority.

A pre-commencement condition is necessary in this instance due to the need to ensure that a programme and methodology of site investigation and recording of archaeological features is undertaken before physical works commence on site. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2024) Chapter 16, paragraph 218 and the Isles of Scilly Local Plan policy OE7.

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