Council of the Isles of Scilly Planning Application

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Consultation Response

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Site: Turks Head, The Quay, St Agnes, TR22 0PL.

Proposal: To erect a new storage barn.

You are being consulted on this application as you may wish to make comments before a decision is made. Should you wish to make any comments on this application, please complete the response form below and return to planning@scilly.gov.uk by the 21st April 2025.

Link to application: https://scilly.gov.uk/planning-application-p25031ful

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the **21**st **April 2025** then I will assume you have no comments to make.

Consultee Name: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

We have consulted the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Historic Environment Record and note that the application site is within 35m of two small pits that were excavated by archaeologist and found to contain two Bronze Age urns, one of which also contained the remains of a smaller urn (MCO67931-32).

The application site therefore has the potential for later prehistoric buried archaeology which could contain evidence to further our understanding of the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall and SW Britain in the deeper past.

The proposed scheme includes a building 8m long and 5.5.m wide and a large parking and turning area. The construction of both of which will require ground disturbance and the removal of the topsoil, which could reveal archaeological features.

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For these reasons, we therefore advise that a strip map and sample should be carried out during the early stages of groundworks, 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.

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Any consent issued should carry the condition as worded below of sections A-D 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 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 assessment3. 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 development shall take place other than in accordance with the project design/Written Scheme of Investigation approved under (A).
- C) The development shall not be occupied until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (A) and the provision made for analysis, publication and dissemination of results and archive deposition has been secured.
- D) 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 an approved methodology of archaeological site investigation and recording is in place before physical works commence on site. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2024) Chapter 16, paragraph 218 and Cornwall Local Plan policy 24.

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Date: 11/04/2025