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Your reference: 4/23/2314/0F1 • Our reference: JNP/Cu/4232314

Dear Mr Harrison,

**ERECTION OF A DISCOUNT FOOD STORE WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS,  
PARKING, HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS  
LAND AT PRESTON STREET, PRESTON STREET, WHITEHAVEN**

Thank you for consulting me on the further information submitted on the above application.

The applicant has helpfully commissioned an archaeological desk-based assessment of the site, as previously requested. The report highlights that the construction of the proposed development has the potential to disturb buried archaeological assets of an 18<sup>th</sup> century glass works, a 19<sup>th</sup> century pottery, a 19<sup>th</sup> century fever hospital and a 19<sup>th</sup> century school.

I therefore recommend that, in the event planning consent is granted, an archaeological evaluation and, where necessary, a scheme of archaeological recording of the site be undertaken in advance of development. I advise that this programme of work should be commissioned and undertaken at the expense of the developer and can be secured through the inclusion of two conditions in any planning consent. I suggest the following form of words:

Condition 1:

*No development shall commence within the site until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*

*This written scheme of investigation will include the following components:*

- i) An archaeological evaluation;*
- ii) An archaeological recording programme the scope of which will be dependant upon the results of the evaluation.*

*Reason: To afford reasonable opportunity for an examination to be made to determine the existence of any remains of archaeological interest within the site and for the examination and recording of such remains*

Condition 2:

*Where significant archaeological remains are revealed by the programme of archaeological work, there shall be carried out within one year of the completion of that programme on site, or within such timescale as otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority: an archaeological post-excavation assessment and analysis, the preparation of a site archive ready for deposition at a store, the completion of an archive report, and the preparation and submission of a report of the results for publication in a suitable specialist journal.*

*Reason: To ensure that a permanent and publicly-accessible record is made of the archaeological remains that have been disturbed by the development.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Parsons  
Historic Environment Officer