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Dear Craig

**P-12-096 New Quay, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly
Proposed demolitions, alterations and extensions to existing
buildings to provide enhanced passenger and freight facilities.
Extension of main pier towards north east, widening of quay wall
to south west to improve access to freight yard.**

We note from the on-line planning register that the above application may have an impact on the historic environment.

The Proposed Development Site

We have consulted the Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record (HER) and note that the quay is listed grade II. The listing description includes: *Quay and breakwater. Begun by Francis Godolphin soon after 1601, rebuilt 1740 and 1748; new pier extending north to Rat Island built 1835-8 for Augustus Smith, Lord Proprietor of the Islands; lengthened 1889 for the flower trade. Granite rubble to earlier arm into harbour partly in vertically-coursed dry stonewall technique, and shaped granite blockwork to later arms. Breakwater has canted wall on sea side. Two granite piers at south entrance and cast-iron upturned cannon reused as bollards. The construction of a pier for the new harbour, St. Mary's Port, was associated with the fortification of the Hugh begun by Godolphin which included Star Castle and the Garrison walls (q.v.).*

The HER also records numerous wrecks and sites in the waters around the islands. The ground works associated with this proposal may disturb buried archaeological remains.

Policy Context

It is Government and Council of the Isles of Scilly policy that the historic environment is taken into account in the planning process. The Isles of Scilly Local Plan, A 2020 Vision includes: Policy 1 Environmental Protection:

To ensure that all relevant future development proposals respect and protect the recognised quality of the islands' natural, archaeological, historic and built environment, they will be permitted only where, as applicable, they:

- (a) Conserve or enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and protect the unspoilt



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- character and good appearance of the Heritage Coast;
- (b) Preserve nationally important archaeological remains and their settings;
 - (c) Preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area and preserve the architectural or historic interest of all listed buildings, including their features and settings;
 - (d) Safeguard the integrity and nature conservation objectives of Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Ramsar Sites and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs);

Recommendations

We recommend that an archaeological assessment of the sea bed is undertaken to ascertain if there is a potential impact to archaeological remains. This is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 128. If consent is granted we recommend that an archaeological recording condition is included. This would require that an English Heritage Level 2-3 record is made of the quay and its environs prior to works. Archaeological investigation and/or recording may be required following the assessment. The following proposed condition is in line with the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 141.

A) No demolition/development shall take place/commence until a programme of archaeological work including a Written Scheme of Investigation has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The scheme 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 demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (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.

I hope this is of assistance, please do contact me if anything is unclear or further discussion is required.



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