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**Your ref:** P-14-004  
**My ref:** CCO5873  
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Dear Craig

**P-14-004 Proposed Batching Pant Site, Parting Carn Lane, Parting Carn, St Mary's**  
**Temporary use of agricultural land for use as a mobile batching plant and construction compound with temporary residential accommodation for works associated with the upgrade of St Mary's Airport**

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 application site has three Scheduled monuments within 500m and numerous HER record sites in the vicinity. The ground works associated with the proposed top soil strip 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 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);



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## **Recommendations**

We recommend that if consent is granted that an archaeological recording condition is included. This would require that an archaeological 'watching brief' is undertaken during the topsoil strip. The following proposed conditions are in line with the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 141.

*1) 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:*

- A. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording*
- B. The programme for post investigation assessment*
- C. Provision to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording*
- D. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
- E. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation*
- F. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.*

*2) No demolition/development shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under condition (1).*

*3) 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 (1) 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.

Yours sincerely

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