

*Development Management Archaeology Advice Officer (DMAAO), Cornwall Council*

P/18/069 The erection of a 3m x 2m shed adjacent to the water reservoir at Vane Hill to house an automatic chlorine dosing system for the island water supply. (Adjacent to Scheduled monument) , Reservoir, Vane Hill, Tresco

Thank you for re-consulting us on this application. We have consulted the submitted Heritage Statement (HS) and welcome the proposed re-siting of the proposed shed. Whilst the proposal will still have some impact upon the setting and significance of the designated heritage assets, these impacts have been reduced and minimised by the re-siting.

However, the excavation of foundations for the proposed shed has the potential to disturb buried archaeological features and/or deposits and, given the proximity of highly significant prehistoric monuments, these have the potential to be of equally high significance. We therefore consider it prudent that an archaeological watching brief should be carried out during the early stages of groundworks, undertaken by a suitably qualified organisation or individual, and subject to a Condition attached to planning consent. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2018) Chapter 16, paragraph 199 and Isles of Scilly Local Plan policy 1(B).

We recommend, if consent is given, a single archaeological recording condition 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 development shall 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 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.

[Note: The archaeological recording condition will normally only be discharged when all elements of the WSI including on site works, analysis, report, publication (where applicable) and archive work has been completed.]

#### Reason

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.

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