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Consultation Response

Date: 6th Feb 2023
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Site: Trethagan, Churchtown, St Martin's, Isles Of Scilly
Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to commercial and the construction of a new single storey (use class A1) retail premises for existing business based at Trethagan.

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 **22nd February 2023** or by post to the Planning Department, Town Hall, The Parade, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0LW.

Link to application: <https://scilly.gov.uk/planning-application/planning-application-p23006cou>

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course. If I have not heard back from you by the **22nd February 2023** 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 the submitted heritage information, and note that there are two known Bronze Age features within 200m of the site; a burial cist (MCO31697) and a cairn (MCO31093).

While the archaeological watching brief on Trethagan revealed no features it identified a buried soil layer that could, incorporate buried archaeology (Cornwall Archaeological Unit 2015R031, June 2015). The wind blown sand covering this layer is thought to date to storm surges in the 18th century. As the application site is in close proximity to known sites of Bronze Age date, this buried soil layer has archaeological potential.

The development will require groundworks within the footprint of the building, driveway and for the service trenches including the new sewage treatment plant and soakaway.

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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.

We would advise, for the above reasons, that 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 programme of archaeological recording 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.

D) 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.

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. This is in accordance with the provisions of NPPF (2021) Chapter 16, paragraph 205 and the Isles of Scilly Local Plan policy OE7.

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Date: 06/02/2023