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Dear Dr Caple

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
SECTION 2 AND SCHEDULE 1  
APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT  
PROPOSED WORKS AT: Nevern Castle (PE160)**

I refer to your application dated 26 November 2017, for scheduled monument consent to carry out archaeological excavation at the site of the above scheduled ancient monument. You declined the opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed for that purpose, afforded to you in the letter dated 5 March 2018. Nor have you submitted any further representations in support of your case.

The proposed works can be carried out without detriment to the historic or archaeological integrity of the monument. The works accord with the sustainable development principle and contribute towards the well-being goals defined in section 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Accordingly, the Welsh Ministers hereby grant scheduled monument consent for the works described at paragraph 4 of the application dated 26 November 2017, subject to the following conditions:

Pre-works:

Before commencement of the works Cadw's Historic Environment Branch shall receive in writing (notice via email is acceptable):

1. that two weeks' notice is given of the date of commencement of works or of any subsequent adjustment to this date;
2. that confirmation is provided that access to the site shall be afforded to our representatives throughout the project to inspect the works in progress;

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

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3. that confirmation is provided that the works shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents listed below, except for complete excavation to natural within proposed Trench SU, which shall be limited through a sampling strategy agreed by the Welsh Ministers. No variations from these plans and documents are permitted unless they have been authorised in advance in writing by the Welsh Ministers:

No.	Document / plan	Ref No (if applicable)	Date
1	SMC application form (signed by Dr Chris Caple)		26/11/2017
2	SMC Request 2018 – details.doc		26/11/2017
3	SMC application supplementary form for excavations (signed by Dr Chris Caple) and staffing details		06/02/2018

4. that the landowners consent is secured in advance of any works commencing;

During works

5. that the applicant shall arrange a meeting with our representative, Louise Mees (0300 0256077), within the first 5 working days of commencement of the project to review the programme, submitted method statements and arrangements that have been established for archaeological excavation and reinstatement works. At this meeting the frequency of future monitoring meetings shall be agreed. The applicant shall be responsible for recording meetings and issuing minutes thereafter;
6. that the applicant shall arrange a meeting with Cadw's representative, Louise Mees (03000 256077), to inspect Trench SU after initial work to strip turf and topsoil has been undertaken, and upper levels of archaeological deposits have been revealed. Excavation within Trench SU shall only be permitted when a sampling strategy has been authorised in advance and in writing by the Welsh Ministers;
7. that all personnel working on site, including staff, students and volunteers, shall be aware of the scheduled status of the site, the constraints that this imposes and the conditions of this consent;
8. that the applicant shall take full responsibility for compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Acts, with particular regard to plant and the stability of the archaeological trench sections;
9. that pegs securing the site gazebo are knocked in to the ground surface to a depth no greater than the plough soil;
10. that the applicant shall be given consent in accordance with section 42 of the 1979 Act to carry out scanning by metal-detectors of excavated spoil from within the scheduled area of PE160. Metal detecting as defined by the Act should not be used for any other purpose;

- 11.that the applicant shall arrange a meeting with Cadw's representative, Louise Mees (03000 256077), prior to backfilling, to inspect the trenches in order to fully understand the limitations of any information gained and how the site has been left;

Archaeological and recording requirements

- 12.that all archaeological excavation shall comply with the latest standards and guidance as published by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA);

Completion

- 13.that the scheduled area shall be left in a stable and tidy condition upon completion of work, to the satisfaction of the Welsh Ministers and the landowner;
- 14.that Cadw shall be informed in writing (written notice via email is acceptable) immediately upon the completion of works;
- 15.that within 6 months of completion of this phase of the archaeological excavation, a digital copy of the draft interim archaeological excavation report shall be submitted by email to Louise Mees, Cadw (Email: [louise.mees@gov.wales](mailto:louise.mees@gov.wales)), for approval. The report must detail and illustrate the works undertaken, the findings, and the preliminary stratigraphic narrative, and set this in the context of previous knowledge about the monument. The report must also contain labelled photographs of the site prior, during and after the excavations, together with details of the site archive established, including digital, paper and artefactual archives;
- 16.that within one month of the draft interim archaeological excavation report having been approved the applicant will deposit a final version of the report, incorporating any comments/editorial amendments to:
  - Cadw (Email: [denise.harris@gov.wales](mailto:denise.harris@gov.wales))
  - The regional Historic Environment Record held by Dyfed Archaeological Trust [f.sage@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:f.sage@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk)
  - the National Monument Record Wales held by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (Email: [Gareth.Edwards@rcahmw.gov.uk](mailto:Gareth.Edwards@rcahmw.gov.uk))
- 17.that within 1 year of completion of this submission of the final interim report, a full post excavation research design is submitted, which should include full details and timetable for full production of the report and publication;
- 18.that within one month of the draft final archaeological excavation report having been approved by the Wels Ministers the applicant shall deposit a final version of the report, incorporating any comments/editorial amendments to:
  - Cadw (Email: [denise.harris@gov.wales](mailto:denise.harris@gov.wales))
  - The regional Historic Environment Record held by Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (Email: [her@ggat.org.uk](mailto:her@ggat.org.uk))
  - the National Monument Record Wales held by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (Email: [Gareth.Edwards@rcahmw.gov.uk](mailto:Gareth.Edwards@rcahmw.gov.uk)); and

19. that the applicant shall provide proof that the reports have been received by the HER and NMRW.

Section 2(6) of the 1979 Act provides that non-compliance with a condition attached to a grant of scheduled monument consent shall be an offence.

By virtue of Section 4 of the 1979 Act if no works to which this consent relates are executed or started within 5 years from the date of this letter, the consent shall cease to have effect at the end of that period (unless it is revoked in the meantime).

This letter does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bylaw, order or regulation other than Section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any such approval or consent where necessary.

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed note (SMC19) which sets out your right to challenge the above decision.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Harris  
**Diogelu a Pholisi/Policy and Protection**

Enc. SMC19  
Interim letter dated 5 March 2018