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Dear Joshua,

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## **Ritec Culvert Repairs, Tenby**

Thank you for asking us to undertake a screening on the proposed Ritec Culvert repairs. As regional archaeological curators the Heritage Management team at Dyfed Archaeological Trust (DAT-HM) provide information, advice and assistance in understanding, appreciating and managing the historic environment.

The Welsh archaeological trusts holds the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) which contains information on known sites and artefacts of archaeological and/or historical interest. It also contains information on archaeological work carried out. The HER is a dynamic record and is updated constantly when new information becomes available.

I apologise for the delay with this response. I have reviewed the consultation area against the HER, scheduled monument data, Coflein (Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales). I have used the scoping map provided, however it is not possible to register accurately against our GIS; a more accurate screening can be done if a GIS boundary as an ESRI Shapefile or MapInfo table can be provided.

I note that you have already identified Scheduled Monuments of Hoyle Mouth Cave PE 427 and Black Rock Quarry Lime Kilns (PE 436) which lie in close proximity to the consultation area. Listed Buildings include; South Beach Hotel, Single Kiln, Belgrave Hote, Festival of Britain beacon, Marsh Road Cottages, Milestone outside Springfield, and 32 Victoria Street.

The following list includes undesignated sites entered on the HER:

| PRN    | SITE_NAME             | TYPE                         | PERIOD           | SUMMARY   | NGR          |
|--------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| 32794  |                       | Beach Access                 | Modern           | Modern ramp leading down to beach. KM 1996  | SN13200010   |
| 33769  |                       | Corn Mill                    | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | The site of this mill is now a carpark. KM 1996   | SN1305800153 |
| 33770  |                       | Gun<br>Emplacement           | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | The site of this 'Gun Fort', marked on the OS 1st ed is now a garden terrace with summerhouse. KM 1996  | SN13230028   |
| 110423 | 22 Victoria<br>Street | MILITARY<br>HEADQUART<br>ERS | MODERN           | A terraced house recorded in the 1942 war diaries to have<br>been the location of the Headquarters for the Royal Marines<br>Division Artillery. A Pyper 2018  | SN13220020   |
| 120806 | Battery Road          | FORT                         | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A roughly triangular plot surrounded by limestone walls overlooking Tenby South Beach may be the site of a gun battery. A map by Lewis Morris of 1748 shows what seems to be a fortification at this location. The plot is now a childrens playground.        | SN1314000153 |
| 120807 | Battery Road          | FORTIFICATIO<br>N            | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A rectangular enclosure, 115m x 25m, defined by limestone loop-holed walls may be a fortified site. It is now occupied by a block of flats and the Rectory. The walls have been breached in several locations. It lies immediately to the north of a possible | SN1311400240 |
| 8004   | CAUSEWAY THE          | Causeway                     | Unknown          | The first attempt at reclamation of land from the sea in St Florence Valley, date unknown.  | SN1167500440 |

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| 20513  | ESPLANADE<br>THE;SOUTH<br>BEACH HOTEL | Hotel                       | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | Pair of Victorian House (which were called Nos 1 and 2<br>Somerset Buildings). Which had been converted into a Hotel<br>in the late 19th century. In 2001 hotel closed and in<br>conversion to flats. JS based on various sources                              | SN1323900150 |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|--------------|
| 18771  | HOLLOWAY<br>BRIDGE                    | Bridge                      | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A post medieval bridge which crosses The Ritec and forms part of the A4139 between Tenby and Penally. It is shown on the 1964 Ordnance Survey map and the First (1890) and Second (1908) Edition Ordnance Survey maps. PR February 2003                        | SN11850039   |
| 35236  | KILN HOUSE                            | Dwelling                    | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | Dwelling shown on later 20th century maps. RPS August 2001   | SN1178400165 |
| 115085 | Kiln Park                             | WALL                        | MODERN           | This wall appears to have been built along the northern edge of the railway bed to define its embankment, as the line was raised above the level of the fields to the north. Some sections of the wall, which was built of limestone blocks, survive within th | SN1226300141 |
| 121276 | MARSH FARM                            | Farmstead                   | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | Farmstead recorded on 2nd edition, 1:2500 Ordnance<br>Survey map.  | SN1207300489 |
| 20626  | MARSH ROAD<br>CALVINISTIC<br>CHAPEL   | Chapel                      | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | Marsh Road Methodist Sunday School was built in 1880 and by 1997 stood disused with the proposal of domestic conversion.JS based on RCAHMW, 2010   | SN12090050   |
| 30047  | MERLIN'S CAVE                         | Cave                        | Modern           | Record for one of two caves located on South Beach, Tenby.<br>This is the southern most cave.MB 24.08.17   | SN13150011   |
| 18757  | NABB'S BRIDGE                         | Bridge                      | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A bridge that crosses the River Ritec west of Tenby.   | SN11640053   |
| 115092 | Pembroke &<br>Tenby Railway           | RAILWAY                     | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | The original line of the Pembroke & Tenby railway was opened in 1863 to its terminus at southwestern edge of Tenby town. The railway was extended to Whitland in 1864, which was achieved by building a new line from Blackrock Junction to a new railway stat | SN1276700258 |
| 114730 | Penally                               | PILLBOX<br>(TYPE<br>FW3/24) | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A Type 24 pillbox. Single-storey, irregular hexagonal plan, 9 inch reinforced concrete, flat turf covered reinforced concrete roof. Door in NE wall flanked by a pair of narrow splayed embrasures. JS from RCAHMW   | SN11710018   |
| 20629  | QUEEN'S<br>QUARRY                     | Quarry                      | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | 'Quarries' labelled in this location on 1st Edition OS mapping,<br>but not labelled by the 2nd Edition.  | SN12970036   |
| 115089 | Ritec                                 | SEA<br>DEFENCES             | MODERN           | During the early 19th century, Sir John Owen of Orielton built a wall or embankment, across the mouth of the Ritec estuary to prevent tidal flooding The Marshes. This embankment was not a great success and was eventually breached by the sea in 1826.      | SS1259099950 |
| 29928  | SHAFT                                 | Shaft                       | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A post mediaeval square air shaft. This area is covered by sand. A. Gale Feb. 1995. Not located - infilled? KM 1996  | SN1310500081 |
| 30042  | SOUTH BEACH                           | Pipeline                    | Modern           | The piped outfall of the river Ritec. The pipe is visible close to low water crossing the intertidal sands. It is a metal pipe with heavy banding. The structure carrying the pipe could not be seen due to the level of the tide. A. Gale Feb. 199            | SS13279984   |

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| 29927  | SOUTH BEACH<br>CULVERT  | Sewer      | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | A culvert on south beach. This culvert appears from the 1st edition OS to bring the waters of the Nitec a small tidal waterway under the railway and dunes. The area beyond the railway is marsh. The route of the waterway is lined by lime kilns and quarries.                 | SN131000     |
|--------|-------------------------|------------|------------------|--|--------------|
| 8452   | SOUTH BEACH<br>PAVILION | Pavilion   | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | The amusement pavilion on the South Beach, Tenby, was known as 'Shanly's Pavilion from 1929 to 1937 and later as the 'South Beach Pavilion'. It was a six storey concrete and iron building constructed on the site of the corn mill on Windmill Hill by Michael William Shanly. | SN13050015   |
| 121277 | SPRINGFIELD             | Farmstead  | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | Farmstead recorded on 2nd edition, 1:2500 Ordnance<br>Survey map.  | SN1211100555 |
| 115086 | The Marshes             | RACECOURSE | POST<br>MEDIEVAL | From as early as 1815, local people gathered on the limestone crag near the later Blackrock Quarries to watch horse racing on the Marshes below. It seems that some form of stand or shelter was built alongside the race course. It is likely that the land u                   | SN1230000230 |

In addition the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1890 records a windmill (SN13050020), a limekiln (SN13020017) and associated quarry in the approximate location of the culvert and our records show a number of stray artefacts have been recovered in the area ranging from the Iron Age to Post Medieval period.

In order to inform the extent and nature of the programme of archaeological mitigation, we recommend that a Desk Based Assessment (DBA) is carried out with a walkover survey. This will collate information on the recorded and potential for further archaeology in advance to inform any subsequent archaeological mitigation.

The work should be governed by a Written Scheme of Investigation, prepared by the commissioned archaeological contractor and recommended for approval by ourselves in advance of works commencing. The work should adhere to the standard and guidance provided by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA).

As set out in the NRW WAT MoU, the provision of briefs for undertaking further historic environment work, the review of written scheme of investigations (WSI) produced by an archaeological contractor and the monitoring of works, including final reporting, would be funded by NRW.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the issues above or if you require further information.

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