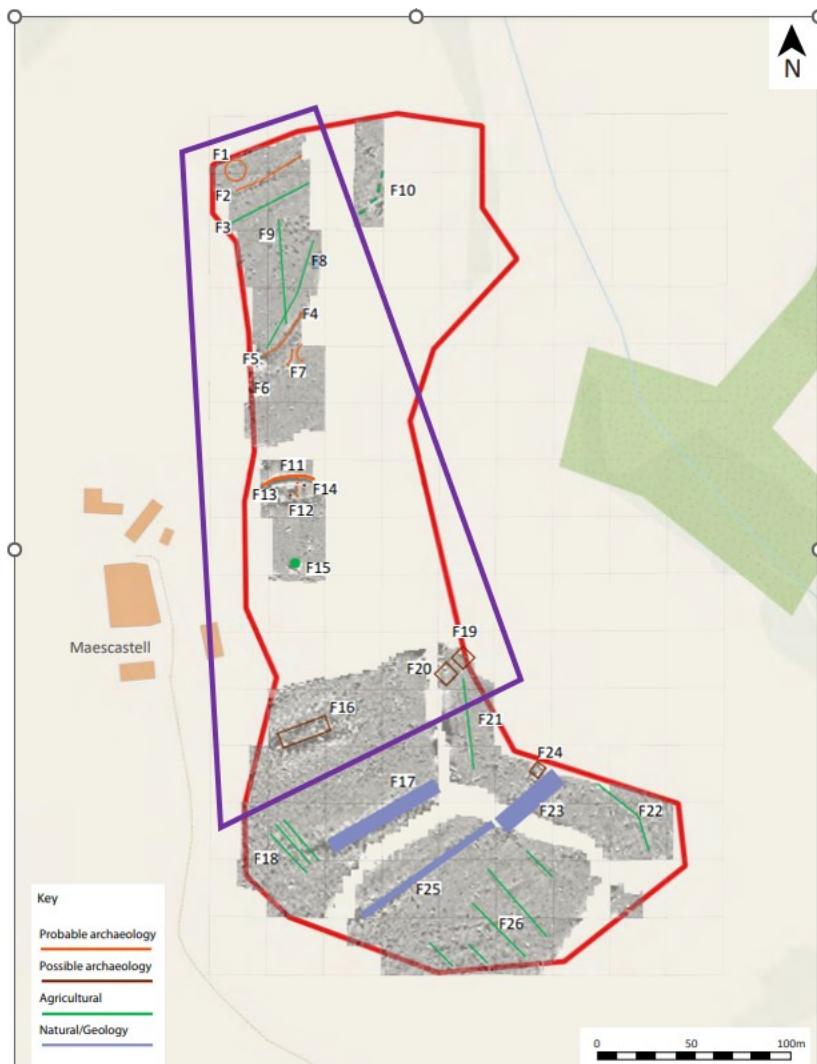


Alice Pyper

From: Alice Pyper
Sent: 25 August 2023 11:24
To: Arwel Davies
Cc: Samuel Wadsworth; Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Arwel,

Thank you for sending the geophysical report for Maescastell. It's very interesting to see the results of the survey which reveals the potential for further features. The following comments refer specifically to the area around the defended enclosure PRN 842 at Maescastell and should be considered in addition to the earlier report of 16/03/2023. In line with the conclusions outlined in the report, planting should be avoided from those features which have been identified on the geophysical survey as probable and possible archaeological features. I have annotated the drawing below to indicate where no planting should take place (shown with a purple line).



I would be very grateful if you could send a copy of the final planting design. Please feel free to get in touch to discuss further if you wish, Best wishes

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Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Cc: Samuel Wadsworth <Samuel.Wadsworth@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Alice,

Would it be possible to get a response for this by tomorrow please?

I am under a very limited time constraint and would really appreciate this.

Kind regards,

Arwel



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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Thanks for this – I'll have a look at it and get back to you as soon as I can,
Best wishes
Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 3:44 PM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <GwirioCynllunCoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>; Jack Griffiths <Jack.Griffiths@tilhill.com>; Samuel Wadsworth <Samuel.Wadsworth@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Good afternoon Alice,

Please find attached the Geophysical report for Maescastell.

It looks like the findings of the report are features created from recent agricultural activity rather than anything of historic significance.

Could you please respond at your earliest convenience with your final consultation response. I would appreciate a quick response as this scheme needs to be finalised ASAP to progress in the woodland creation process.

Kind regards,

Arwel



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Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Arwel,
This looks fine, I'll look forward to seeing the results.
Best wishes
Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:55 AM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Alice,

Please find attached the WSI for Maescastell. Could you read through it and let me know if it is to the specification that you require?

Kind regards,

Arwel



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From: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:57 AM
To: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Arwel,

Thanks, I'll look forward it.

Cadw fund a programme of work based on research questions, usually threat related (now most often climate change), and to undertake scheduling enhancement projects. They also have an ancient monument grant fund, for works to help conserve sites or provide some community benefit <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/historic-assets/scheduled-monuments/ancient-monument-grant-and-management-agreement#:~:text=Our%20capital%20grants%20programme%20for,review%20progress%20with%20their%20applicatio ns> (-> linkprotect.cudasvc.com). I suspect Cadw are unlikely to provide funding in a situation like this which is development led.

Best wishes

Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>; Lamorna Richards <Lamorna.Richards@tilhill.com>
Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Dear Alice,

I have requested ArcWales to provide a WSI in the first instance.

I have heard that there is funding available through CADW for carrying out surveys. Could you please provide information regarding this so that I can look into this?

Kind regards,

Arwel



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From: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
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Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Dear Arwel,

Thanks for your message and update regarding the quote from Archaeology Wales. The next step would be for them to provide a WSI which I would expect to see and approve before onsite work commences.

Best wishes

Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 2:39 PM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>; Lamorna Richards <Lamorna.Richards@tilhill.com>
Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Alice,

I have received a quote from Archaeology Wales for the geophysical survey at Maescastell within the proposed buffer by DAT around the earthworks feature 842. Their specification is as follows:

Please find outline costs for a Geophysical Survey at above site. The costs are based on a survey area of c.4.5ha. We have provided costs for a Written Scheme of Investigation, reporting and Archiving as well as the site work.

If commissioned, the work will be managed by Charley James-Martin MCIfA (Project Manager) and undertaken by our geophysics team.

Archaeology Wales is a Registered Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and our work is undertaken to the Standards and Guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

The work will include: Written Scheme of Investigation, Geophysical Survey area c.4.5ha (on site – 3 days for a team of three), Geophysical Survey Report and Archiving.

Could you please let me know if this follows your requirements?

Kind regards,

Arwel



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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:09 PM
To: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>; Lamorna Richards <Lamorna.Richards@tilhill.com>
Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Arwel,

Thanks for your email.

The rationale for the area shown to be excluded from planting is based on the topography below the enclosure - where the ground levels out is where further archaeological activity might be expected. The steeply sloping ground of the three fields to the south of the enclosure is unlikely to be archaeologically sensitive.

I think the area excluded around the chambered tomb is acceptable.

I'm not in a position to recommend an archaeological contractor to carry out a geophysical survey, but would recommend that they are suitably qualified, skilled and competent persons and abide by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) Standards and Guidance. Below are a couple of links to directories for contractors.

<https://www.archaeologists.net/lookingforanarchaeologist> (-> linkprotect.cudasvc.com)

<http://www.bajr.org/RACsmap/default.asp> (->

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http://www.bajr.org/RACsmap/default.asp&c=E%2C10%2C5khkxwbVkfvgq/s%2BZVHWfQZ5fP/hYZcJr5Pw0FqAjYAAP0HgmJCEXBLD9fnlyvVgvPwOQ8pFOaH2Ea1R&typo=1&know=0>)

An archaeologist should only undertake a geophysical survey which is governed by a written specification, agreed by all relevant parties as this is the tool against which performance, fitness for purpose, and hence achievement of standards, can be measured. (CIfA 2014. Standard and guidance for archaeological geophysical survey)

https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/CIfAS&GGeophysics_1.pdf (-> linkprotect.cudasvc.com))

I'm happy to be contacted to discuss the scope and purpose of the work. I hope this helps, but feel free to contact me for any clarification,

Best wishes
Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>; Lamorna Richards <Lamorna.Richards@tilhill.com>
Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Alice,

Thanks for the comments. I am surprised by the extent of what is to be excluded at Maescastell which is a very large amount of the site.

Please find attached the latest design. The iron age enclosure has been excluded as well as the field to its south. There is a generous buffer of open ground around the cwm gwyddil neolithic tomb.

We discussed on site about the possibility of an archaeological survey being carried out on the site to identify the extent of below ground features. Would you be able to recommend who to contact to carry this out?

Kind regards,

Arwel



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Cc: Woodland Plan Verification / Gwirio Cynllun Coetir <gwiriocynlluncoetir@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Arwel,

Thanks for chasing this one up, and apologies for the delay. Here is an updated response – let me know if shapefiles would be helpful to you, I can send them over.

Best wishes

Alice

From: Arwel Davies <Arwel.Davies@tilhill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:26 PM
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Cc: Lamorna Richards <Lamorna.Richards@tilhill.com>
Subject: RE: Maescastell

Hi Alice,

Hope you are well.

It's been a while since our visit to Maescastell. Would you be able to send comments over for this one?

Thanks,

Arwel



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Subject: Maescastell

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Hi both,

Great to have a site visit yesterday, always useful to discuss the proposals on the ground. I'm putting together a revised response and noticed that the 1st edition (1888) does show a horse gin behind the buildings of the ruined farmstead, see the extract below – the dashed circle shows its location.

I'll send on further comments shortly

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