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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

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27th July 2016

Dear Sir

**Re: Walling in existing open sided canopy, slight extension of roof, shop front improvements**

**The White Monk Cafe and Gift Shop, Tintern, NP16 6TE**

**PLApp.No.: DC/2016/00684**

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

Information in the Historic Environment Record indicates that the application is located adjacent to the Inner Precinct of Tintern Abbey. The Abbey or Cistercian Abbey Church of St Mary, a Scheduled Monument (MM102) and Grade I Listed Building (LB24037) was founded in 1131 by Walter fitz Richard de Clare and was the first Cistercian house in Wales. None of the 12th century structure of the Abbey now survives above ground; the majority of the standing remains belong to the second major phase of the Abbey's construction carried out during the later 13th century. However we note Cadw's letter stating that the proposal will provide a coordinated appearance to the structure and have no adverse impact on the setting of the Scheduled Monument, and may indeed even have a very slight beneficial affect.

The proposal is located in the Monmouth Conservation Area and also in the Lower Wye Valley Registered Historic Landscape (HLW (Gt) 3), specifically the Tintern Character Area (HLCA013), as defined within the *Register of Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales*. We have therefore considered the impact of the proposed work on the historic landscape and have concluded that this will not be factor in the determination of this application.

The current application is limited in scale, in an already disturbed area. As such it is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development. Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application. The record is not definitive, however, and features may be disturbed during the course of the work. In this event, please contact this division of the Trust.

If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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