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Dear David

**SEA/SA ASSESSMENTS SUBMITTED BY REPRESENTORS TO THE
DEPOSIT CAERPHILLY LDP**

Thank you for your letter of the 15th February and the accompanying minutes of the Sustainability Group and the SEA/SA submissions for the alternative sites that have been submitted during the deposit consultation period of the Caerphilly Local Development Plan (LDP).

You will recall that as well as being the archaeological advisors to Caerphilly CBC we also participated in the LDP Sustainability Group on behalf of Cadw. We therefore attended the majority of the Sustainability Group's meetings and assisted in monitoring the production of the SEA/SA for the LDP. We have therefore looked at the SEA/SA assessments submitted for the alternative sites with great interest. Whilst in general they all appear to be overly positive in the assessment of the impact of development on the historic environment, it is unlikely that in any of these cases that an amended SEA/SA assessment would preclude any of the sites. Consequently, it is our opinion that we do not need to provide formal comments on these SEA/SA assessments.

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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