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Dear Mr. Sierakowski

**Re: E.I.A. Scoping:**  
**Shank's Proposed Waste Management Facility, New Inn, Pontypool**


Thank you for your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> *inst* and the accompanying EIA Scoping Report for the above proposed development.

We have read the scoping report with great interest especially the short section on Archaeology and the Cultural Heritage. We can confirm that the adopted Torfaen Sites and Monument Record contains no information that any Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings or other archaeological features are present inside the boundaries of your proposed development area (although Cadw the directorate of the Welsh Assembly charged with the protection of statutorily designated sites should be contacted to confirm that no such sites are present in the area). We have also checked the first edition of the Ordnance Survey and this depicts most of the area as being fields and woods in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, although part of the site was being used as a rifle range and a small farmstead is depicted close to the boundary of your site. However, the Sites and Monument Record only contains information on reported sites and the cartographic evidence only depicts the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to present. Consequently it is possible that archaeological features were present in the area but it is clear that the construction of the current plant will have caused considerable damage to them.

We would expect the EIA to contain a short appraisal of the archaeological and cultural heritage of the site, which would include information similar to that given above and confirmation from Cadw that no statutorily designated sites are in the area. Any further works during the construction works will probably be confined to an archaeological watching brief during the initial groundworks with agreed contingency works in case any archaeological features are revealed.

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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