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Head of Planning
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25th June 2026

Dear Sir

Re: Request for Screening opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 for a proposed biomass gasification Combined Heat and Power (CHP) waste-to-hydrogen production facility

Abernant Colliery Pontardawe SA8 4SX

Pl.App.No.: P2026/0410

Thank you for consulting us regarding this screening request.

We do not have the legal expertise to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Assessment is required; however, there are archaeological and cultural heritage issues which need to be addressed in order to determine the impact of the proposals on the historic environment.

Information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) indicates that the proposal is located in a landscape of archaeological potential. We note the submission of an 'Archaeological Desk-based Assessment' (Archaeology Wales report no.; 2329, dated December 2024) to both the HER and the National Monuments Record (NMR). The document assesses the archaeological potential of the site, as well as the impact of the proposed developments on it. As the documentation states 'The site itself has been largely impacted by the presence of the Abernant Colliery and has likely interfered with any potential subsurface archaeology. All above ground infrastructure associated with the Colliery has also been completely removed within the redline boundary, but it is unclear what remains of it below the ground'. Additionally, 'the area at the north end of the site sat outside the extent of the Colliery and is therefore likely to have a higher archaeological potential. A smithy and farmstead are noted in the north-east corner on the historical mapping up till the mid-20th century'.

Overall, given the current level of detail regarding the requisite groundworks, it is likely that any archaeological resource affected by the proposal area will be of relatively limited importance. Therefore the impact of the proposed development on it is unlikely to be significant.

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Whether or not this impact is sufficient to require an environmental impact assessment to be carried out is matter for you to decide. However, it is possible that, depending on detailed construction plans, archaeological mitigation ensured via a suitably worded condition may be required as part of any consent. Such mitigation could take the form of a watching brief during any geotechnical investigations and requisite ground-intrusion works, with sufficient contingencies, to ensure suitable preservation by record.

It is our policy to recommend that all archaeological work is either carried out by a Registered Organisation (RO) with CIfA, or by a full Member (MCIfA) of CIfA.

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

Yours faithfully

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