

AHAC7005 Project management skills preparation task

Brief

You are a planning archaeologist in the Planning Department of Siluria County Council. In 2005 J Jones and Son applied for planning permission for the construction of three business units on Roman Way, Newtown, a site close to a Roman fort. They were asked to commission a Field Evaluation prior to determination of the application to a brief you set and they employed Wilburt Smith of AAA Archaeology to undertake the work. The fieldwork produced limited Roman finds and post-medieval structures which you and the case officer agreed were of no significance.

Planning permission was granted with no archaeological conditions and the units were built in 2006. J Jones and Son have recently written to Siluria County Council asking for full discharge of all conditions prior to sale of the units to another company.

You have had no contact with AAA Archaeology since the grant of permission. The case officer has asked whether you had any problem with full discharge of conditions, and this has prompted you to ensure that AAA have deposited the archive and finds from the excavation with Siluria Museum in accordance with their project specification.

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Task

- 1 Consider whether you should write to the contractor or the applicant
- 2 Draft a short letter asking for confirmation that the archive has been deposited
- 3 Identify the weak points in your position as a regulator in this case

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