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1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out a protocol on how to act in the event of an accidental archaeological find during the execution of the Colwyn Bay Waterfront Project.

1.1. Project information

Colwyn Bay is located along the north coast of Wales. It is a popular tourist destination that has been attracting visitors since the Victorian era.

The beach is backed by a 3 mile long promenade and until recently there was a pier that had been in place since the Victorian era. This has now been replaced by a shorter pier that allows good views of the surrounding bay, at any state of the tide.

In 2013 Boskalis Westminster Ltd (BWL) carried out a beach replenishment campaign in Colwyn Bay.



Figure 1 North Welsh Coastline

2. GENERAL

During the execution of activities by Boskalis, it is possible that unexpected archaeological finds are made. If a find of archaeological interest is made, Project Staff will report this to the project manager as soon as possible. If the discovery is ordnance, then Project Staff will abide by their operational procedures which are to take precedence; and will only restart with the works once safe to do so.

Where items of archaeological interest are recovered, Project Staff will:

- Handle all material with care.
- Any rust, sediment, concretion or marine growth should not be removed and 'groups' of items or sediments should not be separated.
- If possible photograph the item in the condition in which it was recovered.
- Record the position at which the artefact / sediments were recovered.
- Label artefact appropriately.

If the find is from a waterlogged or underwater environment, then Project Staff will arrange for the find to be immersed in seawater in a suitable clean container, which should be covered.

If a find of archaeological interest is made on board a vessel, Project Staff will immediately inform the Captain/ Vessel Master. The Captain/ Vessel Master will inform the Project Manager.

In all cases the Project Manager will inform the Client: Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) after he is notified about the (possible) archaeological finds. Next, the Project Manager will notify the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT). The CPAT is the archaeological advisor of the CCBC for this project. After the notification, the CPAT will assess the value of the find. Further investigation will be at the request and direction of the CPAT and / or the Client.

As referenced in the REAC table of the CEMP. There are two existing archaeological structures that will have a buffer zone established around them. The 1st is the Llandrillo-yn-Rhôs Fish Weir (MM013). As agreed with CPAT, a 5.0m buffer will be set up to ensure not plant unintentionally tracks over this. The 2nd is a recently surveyed wreck identified within the off-shore working area (MM083). As agreed with the RCAHMW Senior Investigator (Maritime), a 50m exclusion zone would be placed around this wreck.

3. ACCIDENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY FIND FLOW CHART

