



In general, the purposes of monitoring by the regional archaeological advisors on behalf of the Local Planning Authority, may be summarised as follows: -

To ensure the maintenance of high archaeological standards and best practice based on the Standards in British Archaeology issued by the Chartered Institute of Field Archaeologists (<http://www.archaeologists.net/codes/cifa>).

To ensure compliance with planning regulations and requirements.

To ensure compliance with the brief provided by the archaeological advisors and the Specifications submitted by the applicant for the approval of the Local Planning Authority.

To ensure the relevance of the further information gained by the work to the on-going planning process.

To ensure that any recommendations made by the archaeological practitioner are reasonable in planning terms.

To ensure that any further recommendations resulting from the work that are made by the Local Planning Authority (based on the advice of their curatorial Archaeological Advisors) are founded on detailed knowledge and are reasonable in planning terms.

To help formulate, where required, an archaeological mitigation strategy, which could protect the archaeological resource whilst enabling the permitted development.

Monitoring is carried out by the Curatorial Division of the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust, in their recognised role as the Archaeological Advisors to all the regional Planning Authorities. All of its work is carried out to the Welsh Archaeological Trusts' Advisors' Code of Practice (<http://www.ggat.org.uk/archplan/curators.html>).

Officers undertaking monitoring work will have appropriate experience and will be available to discuss any aspect of monitoring.

Monitoring will normally consist of a site visit by one of the Division's Officers (although more than one visit may be made on larger evaluations) who will inspect the on-going work and the exposed archaeological resource. The visit will enable them to ensure that the work is in compliance with the approved specification, to provide local knowledge to the archaeological practitioner and discuss any additional evaluation work or variances to the specification that may be required.

In normal circumstances a report on the monitoring will be sent to the Local Planning Authority, and copied to the archaeological practitioner, will be sent within 48 hours of the visit.

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This report will give a short summary of the exposed archaeological resource and recommend any additional works or variations from the specifications which should be carried out whilst the archaeological practitioner is still on site. The applicant will be informed of any breaches to the specification, which may invalidate the results of the evaluation.