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Dear Chris Harrison,

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR TEMPORARY GROUND INVESTIGATION WORKS
TO THE NORTH WALL OF THE HARBOUR
NORTH WALL, WHITEHAVEN HARBOUR**

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The proposed ground investigation work will disturb small and discrete areas of the historic fabric of the later-18th century North Wall quay. It is proposed to carefully reinstate the areas of disturbance to their original condition and so I have no objection to the proposal. I do however, agree with the recommendation in the submitted heritage statement that the excavations should be subject to archaeological monitoring to record the internal fabric of the quay and provide information on its construction techniques.

I therefore advise that, in the event planning consent is granted, the ground works of the proposal should be subject to a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording. This monitoring and recording should be carried out during the course of the development (a watching brief) and should be commissioned and undertaken at the expense of the developer. This programme of work can be secured through the inclusion of a condition in any planning consent and I suggest the following form of words:

Prior to the commencement of development, a written scheme of investigation for archaeological monitoring and recording (a watching brief) must be submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Once approved, the scheme shall be implemented in full with archaeological monitoring and recording (a watching brief) being undertaken by a qualified archaeologist. Within two months of the completion of the development, a digital copy of the archaeological report shall be furnished to the Local Planning Authority.

Reasons: To afford reasonable opportunity for an examination to be made to determine the existence of any remains of archaeological interest within the site and for the investigation and recording of such remains.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Parsons
Historic Environment Officer

