

## **CHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 15-19 NEWGATE STREET (18/01456/FUL - REVISED)**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 These comments refer to the revised scheme posted on the CWaC website and dated 5 September 2018. They should be read in conjunction with our submission of 17 May 2018.

#### **2.0 Archaeology**

2.1 The comments by the Archaeological Development Control Manager on 20 September imply a willingness on the part of the developer to commission pre-determination trial excavation; this is very much to be welcomed. Although the east–west wing of the extension has been pulled back a little from the City Walls, the scheme still envisages wholesale removal of the bank between the present outbuildings and the Walls. As stated in our previous comments, paras 2.2–.3, it is possible that this bank contains highly significant archaeology, and its removal could even destabilise the City Walls. However, there is a lack of firm information and it is therefore essential that carefully targeted excavation is carried out as soon as practical as the results could necessitate major redesign.

#### **3.0 Visual impact**

3.1 We welcome the changes to the extension to make it more sympathetic to the street-front buildings in terms of height, materials and roof design. Whether the proportions of the south wing relative to the east–west wing and the size of some of the windows are entirely happy we leave to those better qualified to comment upon.

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