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Dear Adrian,

**Application no. 3/2022/0851. Proposed single storey glazed extension, Southport House, Sawley Road, Sawley**

Thank you for the consultation. It's a relatively small scale development but the suggestion that "Southport" refers to the southern gate (or "port") of the abbey precinct indicates that there is potential for archaeological remains relating to the medieval abbey in the area. This is referenced in the Heritage Statement. Any gate in this area is likely to have been to allow access to the wider precinct of the abbey which is marked by earthworks in the fields around the existing ruins of the main buildings. The heritage assessment also indicates that the current house may include fabric from an earlier building which has been re-modelled to create the 18<sup>th</sup> century building and some evidence of that building, if it was not the gatehouse, or part of the gatehouse, itself may survive below ground.

Due to this potential it would be advisable to carry out any groundworks for the development under an archaeological watching brief. This can be secured by means of a condition on any consent granted and the following wording is advised:

**Condition:** No development shall take place on the site until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological/historical importance associated with the site.

**Note:** the programme of field investigation should include an archaeological watching brief on groundworks, followed by such subsequent work as required to investigate and record any remains encountered. This work should be carried out

by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional archaeological contractor to the standards and guidance set out by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists ([www.archaeologists.net](http://www.archaeologists.net)).

Lists of suitable contractors are available on the following websites:

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIFA) <http://www.archaeologists.net/>  
British Archaeological Jobs and Resources (BAJR) <http://www.bajr.org/>

This is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 205: "Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible".

If you need any further information or would like to discuss this further please get in touch again

Yours sincerely,

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