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issues affect
your
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Identifying Risk - Consultancy



Unexpectedly finding archaeological remains on a fast-track construction project is every developer's nightmare, with the potentially serious implications of cost and delay. Pivotal to avoiding this is forward planning and assessment of the heritage issues early in the development process. Our consultants work alongside our clients to highlight archaeological issues before they become a problem affecting the development. A strategy is formulated to manage the project from start to finish, smoothing our clients' path through the planning process and heritage legislation.

We can prepare screening reports, risk management reports, environmental impact assessments and desk-based assessments which will give you the information you need to plan ahead.

Minimising Risk – Quantifying Time and Costs



Once our consultants have assessed the potential problems, we will scope out the archaeological issues, then quantify the time, costs and resources required to address them. We will work with you to design a programme of site investigations offering a pragmatic approach to resolving any archaeological issues which may arise.

We can undertake geophysical surveys, geotechnical test-pitting, site investigations and assess historic buildings and structures. As a Registered Organisation of the Institute for Archaeologists, all our work is of the highest professional standard and our programme of works will be agreed in writing with the local planning authority.

Managing Risk - Contracting



It is one thing to identify the problem and another to deliver the solution. Archaeology can be a labour intensive operation. Headland Group is one of the largest commercial contractors in the UK and Ireland, so whether you are building roads, bridges or railways; schools or hospitals; wind farms, power stations or airports, we have the scale and resources to meet your deadlines.

We also have experience of being the main contractor on multi-million pound projects, so we understand the risks and responsibilities of civil engineering contracts. Our involvement with major infrastructure development is a cornerstone of Headland's workload. Our track record shows that the scale of such projects is something at which we excel.



Brownfield Sites



Brownfield sites are often dismissed as 'contaminated land', but can actually contain important remains of the industrial heritage of our towns and cities. These recent remains are subject to the same legislation and protection as those which are thousands of years old.

In addition, there is growing concern about the frequently overlooked physical remains of our more recent past. Headland's experience of these highly complex zones, which have problems with contamination, safe access and logistics, enables us to prioritise the important issues and remains, fulfil the planning requirements and clear the site ready for development.

Historic Buildings



Many buildings are protected by legislation. Not all are old; they may be anything from medieval to 20th century concrete structures. Whether it's demolition or large scale refurbishment, the law can require you to assess the impact of your proposed development, even considering changes to the setting of building(s).

You also need to implement measures to record what is lost or altered. We can undertake surveys, from assessment to a full measured record of a building inside and out. Our Historic Buildings team includes a conservation architect plus experienced archaeologists and surveyors who use the latest technology to quickly and accurately gather the right information for effective analysis and interpretation.

Maritime



The increased awareness of our maritime heritage, along with new legislation, requires careful consideration when advising on the effects of development within the inter-tidal zone and along our coasts and inland waterways.

Headland has responded through the development of its own highly skilled Maritime Archaeology team. This is fully resourced to advise on all matters concerning the effective management of our maritime cultural heritage, particularly in the preparation of mitigation strategies designed to protect the archaeology, thereby enabling development. Whether the issue concerns the discovery of wreck remains, harbour or waterfront developments, or the assessment of our cultural heritage in the maritime environment, our response is client-focused and in keeping with the industry's best practice.

Our heritage is protected by law and anyone undertaking development must take into account the impact on the historic environment.

Whether a development is on a greenfield or brownfield site, developers must give due consideration to the historic environment. The archaeological impacts of development can be wide ranging. Archaeological factors need to be considered from site selection and approval right through to the construction phase. The main risk archaeology poses to developers is unexpected delay but like any other contaminated ground issue this must be dealt with correctly.

Headland is a different type of archaeological company – we aim to deliver exactly what you need.

Communication - We speak the same language as our clients and, uniquely in our sector, routinely employ quantity surveyors and HSE professionals to ensure that we understand what our clients want.

All Headland project managers receive training on ICE contracts. Key individuals carry scaffolding and quarry passports and all fieldwork staff are CSCS trained.

Transparency - Through our management team and quantity surveyors, tender documentation and reporting structures, we ensure that our clients know exactly what they are paying for, with no hidden extras.

Pragmatic decision making - It is essential for the client that we have experienced staff on site. These team members can really make a difference to your site works; as professional archaeologists they will deal with issues quickly and efficiently.

Our on-site manager will report on progress every step of the way, making sure you can plan your works accordingly.

Reducing risks - Managing risk is an essential part of what we do. We identify archaeological issues in advance and our procedures keep clients informed. Where projects need additional resources, our size enables us to react quickly thereby minimising costly delays.

Delivery - At the heart of everything we do is a businesslike approach focused on delivery. We employ a technical support team to ensure that technology is used to the client's advantage, reducing time on site. For example, in 2008 we successfully used laser scanning technology for rapid survey of standing buildings.

We have built a reputation for delivering on large infrastructure projects. We have the right people and the resources to face

every eventuality. We employ the specialists needed to quickly clear planning conditions, meet statutory obligations and bring projects to completion.

Added value to the client - Green credentials and public profile are important to every client. We can help maximise the value of the archaeological work through high profile news coverage and outreach events where appropriate.

For example, the Edinburgh Trams archaeological project has received extensive TV and press coverage providing extremely positive publicity for our client.

Why Headland?

You want to work with a company who can advise you on how to best deal with archaeological issues, minimise delays and risk and securing planning consent for your development.

That is where Headland can help.

Formed in 1996, we are now the fastest growing archaeological company in the United Kingdom with extensive experience of the Transport and Energy sectors.

We help developers and contractors alike, providing knowledge of the legislative and planning requirements, providing advice and support through the planning process from front end

design to completion. Headland is a commercial company dedicated to serving the development industry. We will help you deliver your project on time and on budget, minimise your risk and avoid costly delays.

Don't take a risk with archaeology. Archaeology is more than the obvious and the implications for any civil engineering development can be serious.

Headland Consultancy Services

planning advice • risk management • screening reports • environmental impact assessment • expert witness

Headland Contracting Services

site investigations • excavation • monitoring

Headland Specialist Services

industrial • historic buildings • maritime • geophysical survey • environmental analysis