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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Variation of conditions 3 (Coal Extraction) and 4 (Final Restoration) of planning permission APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 to extend the life of the existing mine for a further 9 months at Ffos Y Fran Land Reclamation Scheme East Of A4060 Slip Road, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your letter of 14 September inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the scheduled monuments, registered historic park and garden and registered historic landscape listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out in Annex A.

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments

GM028 Morlais Castle

GM220 Gelligaer Common Round Cairns

GM221 Gelligaer Common Standing Stone

GM222 Merthyr Common Round Cairns

GM314 Platform Houses and Cairn Cemetery on Dinas Noddfa

GM320 Platform Houses on Coly Uchaf

GM331 Ynys Fach Iron Furnaces

GM403 Rhymney Upper Furnace

GM424 Pont y Cafnau Tramroad Bridge

GM425 Remains of Blast Furnaces, Cyfarthfa Ironworks

GM467 Cyfarthfa Canal Level

GM478 Gurnos Quarry Tramroad & Leat

GM479 Tai Mawr Leat for Cyfarthfa Iron Works

GM486 Iron Canal Bridge from Rhydyrcar



GM494 Sarn Howell Pond and Watercourses
GM496 Deserted Iron Mining Village, Ffos-y-fran
GM556 Gelligaer Common Roman Road
GM563 Morlais Hill ring cairn
GM572 Abercanaid haystack boiler
GM573 Merthyr Tramroad Tunnel (Trevithick's Tunnel)
GM594 Merthyr Tramroad: Morlais Castle section
GM606 Vale of Neath railway cutting and tunnel portal
GM607 Cwm Pit and head of railway
GM608 Cyfarthfa balance pond and leat
GM609 Black Pins early ironstone workings
GM610 Cwm Glo Chapel
GM611 Cwm Glo pit and ironstone tip
GM624 Rhaslas Pond South Dam

Registered Parks and Gardens:
PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

Registered Historic Landscape:
HLW (MGL) 2 Merthyr Tydfil

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The impact of the mine on the above designated historic assets and their settings was considered in the determination of the original planning applications for this development. The extension of the working period of the mine will not increase this impact.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Cooper
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Annex A

Our role

Our statutory role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPW [planning-policy-wales-edition-11.pdf](#) explains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

[Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of

historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on a registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.