

BikePark Wales

Addendum to Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment and ASIDOHL2

(BMA/2019/172)

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Addendum

- 1.1.1 Black Mountains Archaeology have been commissioned by BikePark Wales, through their agents The Urbanists, to prepare an Addendum to an Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) and Assessment of the Significance of the Development on the Historic Landscape (ASIDOHL2) prepared by us in October 2019 (BMA/2019/172).
- 1.1.2 This original assessment was carried out on a proposed development at BikePark Wales consisting “36 camping pods and 5 chalets, erection of shower/ toilet block and creation of play and picnic area. Construction of new parking area (141 spaces) with overflow carpark (85 spaces), together with a trail maintenance yard, new highway access routes, ground profile works, drainage, infrastructure and landscape works at BikePark Wales, Gethin Woodland Centre, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1YZ” (P/19/0073) (Figure 1). Following submission of the original planning application, responses were received from Cadw (letter dated 22/11/19, Ref: DH) and Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) (letter dated 12/11/19, Ref: MTY0258/JBHD) who both accepted and concurred with the outcome of the archaeological assessment with the latter stating that no archaeological mitigation was required.
- 1.1.3 This Addendum responds to amended plans to the proposed development following pre-application consultation with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in April 2022 (Pre-App PA/22/0011). The amended plans, which are contained within the original red line boundary, include changes to the design of camping pods and their siting within the woodland area, the provision of two linen storage buildings, a workshop pod, removal of the toilet/ shower block and provision of a shipping container storage unit with attached shower/ changing rooms, stretch tents, a bike wash area, changes to the play area and the construction of a new workshop storage shed with associated access and landscaping works (Figure 2).
- 1.1.4 For the purposes of the Addendum the amended plans (Figure 2) were reviewed using the methodology set out in our original assessment (BMA/2019/172), with reference to the previously submitted plans (Figure 1). Information on statutory designated sites (World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Registered Landscapes, Battlefields, Parks and Gardens) was obtained from Cadw (Accessed 16/05/22 through Cof Cymru - National Historic Assets of Wales (a Welsh Government online mapping resource). An Historic Environment (HER) enquiry was undertaken and received on 07/06/22 (Enquiry no. 6830) and a National Monuments Record (NMR) enquiry was undertaken and received on 23/06/22 (Enquiry Ref. RC22-0280). The results of these enquiries confirmed that no new heritage assets or events have been added to the study area since the original archaeological desk-based assessment and ASIDOHL2 were undertaken.
- 1.1.5 The Addendum has concluded that the design changes will have no greater impact on heritage assets, or on the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Historic Landscape (HLW(MGI)2), than the original development submitted to planning (P/19/0073).
 - The previous assessment identified that there were no surviving heritage assets within the development area. Since the red line boundary of the development remains unchanged in the amended plans, it has been concluded that the design

changes pose no risk of direct physical impact to any known heritage assets.

- In addition it is concluded that the scale, form and appearance of the design changes within the amended plans are such that they will cause no additional indirect (visual) or setting impacts upon any statutory designated (Value A) heritage assets.
- In relation to potential impacts on the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Historic Landscape (HLW(MGI)2), it is concluded that the design changes within the amended plans will cause no additional impact than that outlined in our 2019 assessment, which determined that the overall significance of the impact of the development on the historic landscape is Slight, meaning that the impact on key elements is such that the value of the historic landscape on the Register remains essentially unchanged.

Bibliography

Lewis, R. and Langlands, L. 2019. *BikePark Wales: Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment and ASIDOHL2*. BMA Report No. **172**

Appendices

Appendix I: Figures



Appendix I

Figure 1. Original masterplan (November 2018) submitted with Planning Application P/19/0073. Reproduced with permission from BikePark Wales





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