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Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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29th September 2026

FAO: Gareth Davies

Dear Sir

Re: Erection of a convenience store (Class A1) with associated parking, landscaping, and replacement parking provision to serve the adjacent social club. Land Adjacent to Penydarren Social Club, Alexandra Avenue, Tramroad Lane. Pl.App.No.: P/26/0205.

Thank you for consulting us regarding this application. The proposal will require archaeological mitigation.

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record shows the area is within the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest (Cadw reference HLW (MGI)2), in character area HLCA005 Penydarren, summarised as *Industrial settlement: Iron Company owned settlement of early dense scatter/cluster and, linear ribbon development supplemented by planned settlement of regular linear blocks of terracing, including early local authority housing. Penydarren originated during the early 19th century as an industrial settlement associated with the Penydarren Iron Company and its core consisted of a small cluster of cottages extended by ribbon development, later forming a more or less regular grid. Buildings are mainly regular linear terraces and the public buildings which served them, including a church, chapels, public houses and schools.* The HER notes workers housing, set out in terraces along streets, as depicted on historic mapping from the Tithe of 1846 onwards, on land acquired by the Penydarren company, as the works (active between 1784 and 1859) was to the south.

Archaeological work on proposals such as this have found that remains of the housing, including earlier foundations, floors and drains are often well-preserved as are features thought to have been lost. The likelihood of archaeological remains relating to the 19th century settlement and important due to the association with the Penydarren Iron Company existing within the site and being impacted by development is identified and will require mitigation.

The buried archaeological impact will need to be mitigated for the development, as any ground disturbing work may encounter remains of earlier activity, particularly in relation to any works for the creation of foundations, floors, access roads, the installation of services and drainage, and hard landscaping.

We therefore recommend that a condition should be attached to any consent to ensure appropriate mitigation, requiring the applicant to submit a programme of archaeological work

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in accordance with a written scheme of investigation should be attached to any consent granted by your Members.

We envisage that this programme of work would be archaeological monitoring and recording during any ground disturbing work, identifying any elements of the proposals which may also need to be hand-dug by archaeologists, which will also ensure that a targeted programme of work can be facilitated, with detailed contingency arrangements including the provision of sufficient time and resources to ensure that archaeological features that are located are properly excavated and analysed, and it should include provision for any sampling that may prove necessary, post-excavation recording and assessment and reporting and possible publication of the results.

To ensure adherence to the recommendations we recommend that the condition should be worded in a manner similar to model condition 24 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured agreement for a written scheme of historic environment mitigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the programme of work will be fully carried out in accordance with the requirements and standards of the written scheme.

Reason: *To identify and record any features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, in order to mitigate the impact of the works on the archaeological resource.*

We also recommend that a note should be attached to the planning consent explaining that:

A detailed report on the archaeological work, as required by the condition, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority within six months of the completion of the archaeological fieldwork

The archaeological work must be undertaken to the appropriate Standard and Guidance set by Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), [CIfA regulations, standards and guidance](#) | [Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation or a MCIfA level accredited Member [Looking for an archaeologist?](#) | [Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#).

If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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