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Head of Planning Services
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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12th November 2019

FAO: David Cross

Dear Sir

Re: Provision of 36 Camping Pods and 5 Chalets, Erection of Shower/Toilet Block and Creation of Play and Picnic Areas. 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:
Bike Park Wales, Gethin Woodland Centre, Abercanaid.
Pl.App.No.: P/19/0073.

Thank you for reconsulting us regarding this application, consequently, we have consulted the information on your website and the information in the Historic Environment Record.

The supporting documentation now includes an archaeological desk-based assessment and ASIDOHL2 assessment, undertaken by Black Mountains Archaeology (dated October 2019, reference 172). These assessments meet current professional standards; they have followed the appropriate methodology to assess the impact of the proposal on the historic environment, and on the Registered Landscape.

The conclusion of the assessments notes that with regard to any existing archaeological resource, there is no indication of any buried archaeological resource. The one historic asset noted from research was not identified during the field visits and is presumed destroyed; no previously unrecorded assets were noted.

With regard to the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Importance, the ASIDOHL assessed the direct impact of the development on Character Area HLCA072: Waunwyllt, Pen y Lan and Graig Gethin. The conclusion was that the development would have a direct impact of *slight*, with 0.07% of the character area affected. The assessment of a potential visual (indirect) impact on 44 other character areas concluded that the visual impact would be *very slight*.

It is our opinion that given the results of these assessments, there would be no direct adverse impact on any buried archaeological resource, or on the Registered Landscape. As the archaeological advisors to your Members, we therefore do not make any recommendations for further mitigation relating to the historic environment.

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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