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Our ref: MTY0042
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
By Email planning@merthyr.gov.uk

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING
16 April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Variation of conditions 4 (Duration of Restoration), 6 (Approved Plans) and 50 (Restoration Strategy) of planning permission APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 involving a revision to the restoration scheme. | Ffos Y Fran Land Reclamation Scheme East Of A4060 Slip Road Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4AE

Pl.App.No.: P/25/0037

Thank you for notifying us of this application; we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website. **The proposal will require archaeological mitigation.**

The information in the Historic Environment Record (HER) curated by this Trust shows that the area contains numerous features of archaeological significance, and that the area has been subject to extensive archaeological mitigation, this is supported by the detailed archaeological desk-based assessment prepared by Archaeology Wales (Report No. 2321 dated November 2024) and the environmental statement by RML Ltd (dated January 2025). The desk-based assessment reports on the impact of the proposed restoration works on settings of the scheduled monuments (we understand Cadw have commented on this) and notes there will be a moderate adverse impact on the registered historic landscape and on undesignated historic assets, if previous archaeological works are not reported on, and reports deposited with HER/RCHAMW and results disseminated.

The assessment recommends that the impact of the current proposals could be mitigated by *“conclusion of the previous mitigation strategies through final reporting and archiving. As a part of the final stage of the restoration, there would be enormous benefit in the compilation and dissemination of the research which has been carried out during the Stage III Ffos-y-fran Reclamation scheme and concluding the extensive archaeological work that has already been undertaken.”*

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We concur with this assessment and recommend that to mitigate the impact of the development on the archaeological resource a condition, for a programme of archaeological work, should be attached to any consent granted.

We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of post excavation work, reporting, archiving and dissemination of arising information. To ensure adherence to the recommendations we recommend that the condition should be worded in a manner like 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 assess and report on features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, 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:

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 sincerely

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