

Merthyr Tydfil County Council
The Planning Division
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan
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Date: 03/09/2025
Our Ref: PLA0089702
Your Ref: P/25/0224

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grid Ref: SO044080 304502 208062

Site: Unit 2 Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil

Development: Retention of Unit 2 as a multi-disciplinary training unit at Prince Charles Hospital Gurnos Road Gurnos

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

The proposed development site is located in the catchment of a public sewerage system which drains to Cilfynydd Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). We have considered the impact of foul flows generated by the proposed development and concluded that flows can be accommodated within the public sewerage system.

Turning to surface water drainage, as of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features will be required in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. However, in this instance, we would advise that there is no agreement to communicate surface water flows into the public surface water sewer. Accordingly, as a material consideration within the planning process and notwithstanding the submitted application form, we recommend a condition that specifies no surface water flows shall communicate directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

Accordingly, if you are minded to grant planning consent for the above development, we would request that the following **Condition and Advisory Notes** are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets:

Condition

No surface water from any increase in the roof area of the building /or impermeable surfaces within its curtilage shall be allowed to drain directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

Reason: To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment

Advisory notes

The planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water industries Act 1991.

If the development will give rise to a new discharge (or alter an existing discharge) of trade effluent, directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system, then a Discharge Consent under Section 118 of the Water Industry Act 1991 is required from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water. Please note that the issuing of a Discharge Consent is independent of the planning process and a consent may be refused although planning permission is granted.

As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with Merthyr Tydfil Council, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.

In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12) and Technical Advice Note 12 (Design), the applicant is advised to take a sustainable approach in considering water supply in new development proposals, including utilising approaches that improve water efficiency and reduce water consumption. We would recommend that the applicant liaises with the relevant Local Authority Building Control department to discuss their water efficiency requirements.

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.



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Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwr-cymru.com

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Bethan Davies
Development Planning Officer
Developer Services



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