



Archaeological Planning

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Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
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16th October 2020

Dear Sir

Re: Refurbishment of property including removal of rear annexe, creation of car parking area and erection of railings and boundary wall
Nazareth Chapel, Yew Street, Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4DZ
Pl.App.No.: P/20/0202

We noted this application when we reviewed your weekly planning list; consequently we have consulted the detailed information contained on your website and identified that **the proposal has an archaeological restraint**.

Information in the Historic Environment Record, curated by this Trust, notes that Nazareth Chapel was built in 1858 and rebuilt in 1897. The chapel is built in the Simple Round-Headed and Romanesque style with a gable-entry plan and central door way. This chapel has two storeys with stairs to a gallery at the front of the chapel, to the left and right of the central entry. The pulpit is positioned to the rear of the chapel with two doors to a meeting hall on either side. The meeting hall is a single room with one external entrance as well as the two internal entrances. The chapel is an important element in the cultural life of the area.

The proposal will involve significant internal changes to the structure. Therefore in order to preserve this structure by record we strongly recommend that a Level 2 survey (Historic England 2016, *Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice*) is made prior to work commencing. To ensure that work is carried out in a suitable manner, we therefore suggest that a condition worded in a manner similar to model condition 73 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014 is attached to any consent that is granted in response to the current application. This condition is worded:-

No works to which this consent relates shall commence until an appropriate programme of historic building recording and analysis has been secured and implemented in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority

The justification for the imposition of the condition would therefore be: -

Reason: As the building is of architectural and cultural significance the specified records are required to mitigate impact.

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

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The archaeological work must be undertaken to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), "Standard and Guidance for Building Recording" (www.archaeologists.net/codes/ifa) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation (www.archaeologists.net/ro) or an accredited Member.

A list of archaeological contractors who have indicated their availability to work in Wales is available from <http://www.archaeologists.net/ro>

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Dunning', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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