



Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
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25th April 2021

FAO: Huw Roberts

Dear Sir

Re: Opening Up Works To Ascertain The Condition Of The Structure: Cyfarthfa Castle, Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr Tydfil.
Pl.App.No.: P/22/0055.

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

The information in the Historic Environment Record curated by this Trust shows Cyfarthfa Castle is a Grade I Listed Building (Cadw reference 11396). The listing description states it was built 1824-5, designed by Robert Lugar, architect of London, for ironmaster William Crawshay II at a cost of £30,000. It was sold in 1909 to Merthyr Corporation and has large extensions dating to 1912 for a school. It is set within the Grade II* Registered Cyfarthfa Park (Cadw reference GM1), which in turn is set within the Registered Historic Landscape of Merthyr Tydfil, Character Area HLCA013: Cyfarthfa Castle and Park.

We note from the supporting information (Heritage Statement, Purcell) that the works are to explore the condition of the structure, and to discern what appropriate action to take to remedy defects, primarily water ingress and structural decay. We note from this that the applicants and their agents are working closely with Cadw to ensure an appropriate methodology is followed, and for reinstatement after opening. A report will then be produced and liaison with Cadw will continue.

As the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application, subject to the liaison with Cadw continuing. The record is not definitive, however, and features may be disturbed during the course of the work. In this event, please contact this division of the Trust.

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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