



Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5
Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
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6th February 2023

Dear Sir

Re: Demolition of the north-east boundary wall and stepped walkway, erection of retaining walls and associated railings, re-profiling works and creation of external bin store and bicycle store areas

Former YMCA Building, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8UT

PL.App.No.: P/23/0016

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 indicates that the Former YMCA Building is a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref. 11468, as the District Education Office of Mid Glamorgan County Council), dating to 1911 and was the first building designed by Sir Percy Thomas after he set up in practice with Ivor Jones. The YMCA is a significant building in a prominent location and has made an important cultural contribution to the life of the town. Currently it is a significant part of the townscape of Pontmorlais. As a result we have previously recommended archaeological mitigation for applications relating to the structure, including building surveys (our ref. MTY0127 and MTY0210).

However, the current application is relatively limited in scale, with the demolition of the southern section of the boundary wall already having taken place, and repairs proposed for the northern section. Overall it is unlikely that significant archaeological remains will be encountered during the course of the proposal.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development and consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application. 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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