
Project	Pandy Farm, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8PA
Reference	179
Subject	Design, Access & Heritage Statement - Archway Entrance (Access Gate)
Date	11 th April 2022 (v2)

Summary of the proposal

This is a design and access statement to support the planning application with listed building consent to carry out the following works to Pandy Farm.

1. Changes to access gate onto Brecon Road

Planning

The farmstead comprises a group of buildings statutory listed Grade II in 1973;

- Reference 11406 – Barn at Pandy Farm (Grade II, Designated) agricultural and subsistence class
- Reference 11407 – L Plan Stable Ranges at Pandy Farm (Grade II, Designated) domestic class
- Reference 11405 – Clock Tower at Pandy Farm (Grade II, Designated), gardens, parks and urban spaces class
- Reference 11404 – Pandy Farmhouse (Grade II, Designated), domestic class

Outline proposals were submitted for a pre-planning application on 17th November 2021.

A series of site visits and workshops have been hosted at Pandy Farm on 27th October & 15th December 2021 with;

- Heritage Development, CADW
- Historic Buildings Inspectors, CADW
- Planning, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
- Regeneration, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough

These sessions offered the opportunity to consult and review proposals.

Site and context analysis

Pandy Farm is a former estate farm associated with Cyfarthfa Castle and Ironworks. The current buildings span a range of phases of construction mainly across the 19th Century. Much re-ordering of the farmstead may be contemporary with the construction of Cyfarthfa Castle in c.1825 when the farm became the 'Home Farm' of the estate. The landholding/ property name of Pandy is older with a Pandy aka 'Fullers House', a place for weaving and preparing wool, noted from the 14th century in the vicinity – this was more than likely a water powered mill and would therefore have been near the river. From the early 18th Century, the Pandy name is recorded in the vicinity of the ironworks – this could include part of the fabric of the current farmhouse although much of the farmhouse structure ties in with a 19th Century date.

Geographical coordinates for the site: **51°45'14.9"N 3°23'30.1"W**

Proposal

Material & Appearance

Material and appearance in keeping with existing fabric. Proposed gate will be fabricated steel frame with timber cladding (Yorkshire boarded) with discrete mechanised system. Gate and archway panelling to be clad to front and rear with Welsh larch to provide seamless finish.

Character

Our proposal seeks to retain the existing character, scale and proportion, being careful to fit with the existing archway features.

Access and movement

Access into the buildings from the courtyard will remain unchanged.

Courtyard access will be retained by cobbled carriageway through the barn. The proposed gate will continue to allow vehicular access and clearance. Transponder and proximity reader to be provided to allow automated opening of gates on approach.

Access for vehicles along Brecon Road, including emergency vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists will remain unchanged. The site is situated close to amenities with bus stops, immediately outside the site on Brecon Road, connecting to Merthyr Tydfil. Merthyr Tydfil railway station is 1 mile away by foot.

Temporary Gate to Barn Carriageway

The existing corrugated iron doors are in need of replacement. It is proposed replacing with a steel frame, automated gate solution to provide increased security and allow continued access to the courtyard. The gate design will make use and emulate the existing heavyweight iron sockets for the original doors.

Refer to drawings for further information.