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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Discharge of condition 3 details of cabling routes of planning permission P/25/0272, Cyfarthfa Castle, Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your letter of 1 April inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

This response is based on the advice provided by Cadw's Senior Historic Environment Planning Officer and Cadw's Inspector of Registered Historic Parks and Gardens.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the registered historic park and garden listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out in Annex A.

Assessment

Registered Park and Garden

PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

This application is for the discharge of condition 3 attached to planning consent PP-14397820 at Cyfarthfa Castle, Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr Tydfil.

Condition 3 attached to planning consent PP-14397820 states: -

"Prior to installation detailed drawings showing the routes for all new cabling shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No new openings shall be formed in historic fabric unless agreed in writing. All works shall be undertaken only in accordance with agreed details."



Cyfarthfa Castle is located inside the registered Cyfarthfa Castle historic park and garden. The proposed works are internal to the building, except for the upgrade of two external cameras, which will be installed on the existing fixings and use existing cabling. The external changes will therefore be minimal and will not have any effect on the way that the registered Cyfarthfa Castle historic park and garden is experienced, understood and appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Cooper
Historic Environment Inspectorate / Arolygiaeth yr Amgylchedd Hanesyddol

Annex A

Our role

Our statutory role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPW [Planning Policy Wales - Edition 12 \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/planning-policy-wales-edition-12) explains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

[Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of

historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on a registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.