

Merthyr Tydfil County Council
The Planning Division
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Date: 02/07/2025
Our Ref: PLA0088146
Your Ref: P/25/0167

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grid Ref: SO035062 303530 206253
Site: Land Near Six bells, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil
Development: Detached two storey dwelling

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

Further to my previous letter dated 02/07/2025, I can confirm that following a site visit conducted by our inspector on 09/07/2025, the 150mm public sewer has been located further north than previously stated. As the proposed development lies outside the 3-metre protection zone, our holding objection has now been withdrawn.

The proposed development site is located in the catchment of a public sewerage system which drains to Cilfyndd Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). We have considered the impact of foul flows generated by the proposed development and concluded that flows can be accommodated within the public sewerage system.

We anticipate this development will require the installation of a new single water connection to serve the new premise. Capacity is available in the water supply system to accommodate the development. The applicant will need to apply to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water for a connection to the potable water supply system under Section 45 of the Water industry Act 1991. The applicant attention is drawn to our new water connection application guidance notes available on our website.

Turning to surface water drainage, as of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features will be required in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. However,

in this instance, we would advise that there is no agreement to communicate surface water flows into the public surface water sewer. Accordingly, as a material consideration within the planning process and notwithstanding the submitted application form, we recommend a condition that specifies no surface water flows shall communicate directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

Accordingly, if you are minded to grant planning consent for the above development, we would request that the following **Condition and Advisory Notes** are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets:

Condition

No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

Reason: To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

Advisory Notes

The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption"- 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com.

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12) and Technical Advice Note 12 (Design), the applicant is advised to take a sustainable approach in considering water supply in new development proposals, including utilising approaches that improve water efficiency and reduce water consumption. We would recommend that the applicant liaises with the relevant Local Authority Building Control department to discuss their water efficiency requirements.

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with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It would therefore be recommended that the developer engage in consultation with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwrcymru.com

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Lord
Development Planning Officer
Developer Services



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