

Merthyr Tydfil County Council
The Planning Division
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan
CF48 4TQ

Date: 11/02/2020
Our Ref: PLA0047410
Your Ref: P/20/0024

Dear Sirs,

Grid Ref: SO050053 305112 205370

Site: Land Rear Merthyr Leisure Centre, Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Village, Merthyr Tydfil

Development: Erection of new office building with associated parking.

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

Two strategic watermain cross through the proposed development site with the approximate positions being marked on the attached Statutory Public Watermain Record. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times. No excavations/permanent structures will be permitted within a minimum 8 metres either side of the centreline of the 700mm and the 800mm diameter public watermain(s) based on a depth of 1 metre cover. However, given the current location of the proposed office development and the location of our public watermain, the proposed development may not be achievable and a possible diversion under Water Industry Act 1991 may be both technically and financially constraining. At present, we have no other alternative but to **OBJECT** to this development based on the proposals. Reason: To protect the structural integrity of the public watermain and avoid damage thereto and to safeguard the Health & Safety of both existing and proposed residents.

Please note Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and any prospective developers have a duty to comply with statutory health and safety requirements currently in force, in particular the duties imposed by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1975 and the Construction Design Management Regulations (CDM). Therefore, the applicant is required to accurately locate both of the public watermain with the assistance of our Operations Team by calling 0800 052 0130 to arrange for the necessary investigations to be undertaken. Once these investigations have been completed and further detail provided to us, we may be in a position to reconsider our initial comments. As I hope you can appreciate given the nature of the proposal it is important that all investigations are undertaken prior to planning permission being awarded, as the location of the public watermain are a key issue with the proposed development.

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,

Maria Evans
Development Control Officer
Developer Services



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