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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Amendment of paint colours to window cills, rainwater goods, door surrounds and timber doors at Pandy Farm, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil

Thank you for your letter of 14 June inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the scheduled monuments or 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.

AssessmentScheduled Monuments

GM424 Pont y Cafnau Tramroad Bridge
GM425 Remains of Blast Furnaces, Cyfarthfa Ironworks

Registered Parks & Gardens

PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

This planning application is for the amendment of paint colours to window cills, rainwater goods, door surrounds and timber doors. Located at, Pandy Farm Brecon Road Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8PA.

The above designated historic assets are located inside 500m of the proposed development, but intervening topography, buildings and vegetation block all views between them except for PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle.

Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the settings of these designated historic assets other than PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

The proposal is located some 12m to the south of the boundary of the registered park and garden PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle which comprises the most historically important ironmaster's home in Wales, built and developed immediately next to the ironworks by members of the Crawshay family. The large gothic Victorian mansion was built as a mock castle by Robert Lugar for the ironmaster William Crawshay in 1825. The park and gardens are of great historic interest not only as the landscape setting for the Romantic mansion but also for their proximity and usefulness to the ironworks which in their day were considered to add great sublimity to its landscape setting.

The proposal is to amend the existing, mustard yellow paint colour that has been used throughout the exterior windowsills, door frames, doors, and rainwater goods of a farmhouse with a pale green colour that matches the windows of the adjacent Cyfarthfa Castle.

Pandy Farm is a former estate farm associated with Cyfarthfa Castle and Ironworks and integral with the setting of the registered park and garden. The proposal will be visible from the entrance area and adjacent boundary. However, the current paint colour is of low historical importance and as such whilst a very slight visual change will result this will not have any effect on the way the registered park and garden is experienced, understood, and appreciated. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the setting of registered park and garden PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

Yours sincerely,

Laura Cooper
Casework Officer

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-11.pdf](#) 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.