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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Vary condition 2 of planning permission P/20/0121, Land To The North Of Crabtree Walk And To The West Of Sweetwater Park, Trefechan Cyfeirnod

Thank you for your letter of 1 August 2023 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, registered historic parks and gardens or Registered Historic Landscapes listed in our assessment of the application below.

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

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments

GM568 Coetgae'r Geartheg barrow cemetery
GM159 Enclosure on Coedcae'r Ychain
GM567 Cefn Cil-Sanws ring cairn
GM600 Cefn Cil-sanws defended enclosure
GM599 Cefn Sil-sanws, cairn on SW side of
GM258 Penmoelallt Round Barrows
GM518 Enclosure East of Nant Cwm Moel
BR118 Cae Burdydd Castle
GM594 Merthyr Tramroad: Morlais Castle section
GM028 Morlais Castle
GM563 Morlais Hill ring cairn
GM478 Gunros Quarry Tramroad & Leat
BR145 Nant crew Inscribed Stone (now in Cefn Coed Church)
GM479 Tai Mawr Leat for Cyfarthfa iron Works
GM424 Pont y Cafnau Tramroad Bridge



GM425 Remains of Blast Furnaces, Cyfarthfa Ironworks
GM486 Iron Canal Bridge from Rhydycar
GM495 Cyfarthfa Tramroad Section at Heolgerrig
GM554 Iron One Scours and Patch Workings and Winch fawr, Merthyr Tydfil

Registered Parks & Gardens

PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle
PGW(Gm)70(MER) Cefn Coed Cemetery & Jewish Burial Ground

Registered Historic Landscapes

Merthyr Tydfil

This planning application is to vary condition 2 of planning permission P/20/0121 to change the house types of plots no. 30 and 31, alter the reorientation of plot 44 (including lowering of finished floor levels), and change house type of plot 42 including its subdivision into 2 semi-detached houses at land to the north of Crabtree Walk and to the west of Sweetwater Park Trefechan Merthyr Tydfil.

The above designated historic assets are located inside 3km of the proposed development. In response to planning application P/20/0121 it was Cadw's opinion that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on any scheduled monument or registered historic park and gardens or their settings and that whilst it would have a moderate impact on the registered historic landscape this would not be significant. The proposed changes to the development will not increase its effect on the designated historic assets.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Harris
Historic Environment Branch

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.