

Merthyr Tydfil County Council
The Planning Division
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan
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Date: 31/03/2026
Our Ref: PLA0094091
Your Ref: P/25/0312

Dear Sir/Madam,

Grid Ref: SO050058 305062 205840

Site: Old Saw Mill, Court Street, Merthyr Tydfil

Development: Demolish existing units and construct five new units and 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.

We previously advised (ref: PLA0091842), that this site is crossed by a public sewer with the approximate position being marked on the attached statutory public sewer record. In accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water requires access to its apparatus at all times in order to carry out maintenance and repairs.

Furthermore, we acknowledge the amended plans submitted appear to show the existing building is to remain, and no demolition is to occur over or near our asset. As such, based on this assumption we are content in removing our holding objection. However, if this proposal includes the demolition of the existing units over/ near our asset, we request we are reconsulted and refer to our previous consultation response for further details.

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 from any increase in the roof area of the building /or impermeable surfaces within its curtilage shall be allowed to drain directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

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.

If the development will give rise to a new discharge (or alter an existing discharge) of trade effluent, directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system, then a Discharge Consent under Section 118 of the Water Industry Act 1991 is required from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water. Please note that the issuing of a Discharge Consent is independent of the planning process and a consent may be refused although planning permission is granted. The planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water industries Act 1991.

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is not responsible for fire protection or for providing suitable fire flows. Providing fire flows and fire protection are the responsibility of the appropriate regional Fire Services. We refer you to the 3rd Edition of the National Guidance Document on the Provision of Water for Fire Fighting published by the Local Government Association and Water UK.

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.



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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,

Bethan Davies
Development Planning Officer
Developer Services



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