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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – First periodic Review of Old Minerals Permissions (ROMP) at Vaynor Quarry (pursuant to Environment Act 1995) at Vaynor Quarry Upper Vaynor Road Cefn Coed

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 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 and registered historic landscape 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

BR118 Cae Burdydd Castle

BR145 Nant Crew Inscribed Stone (now in Cefn Coed Church)

BR166 Pant Sychbant Round Cairn and Earthworks

BR415 Cefn Car Hut Circles and Enclosures (proposed)

GM028 Morlais Castle

GM424 Pont y Cafnau Tramroad Bridge

GM425 Remains of Blast Furnaces, Cyfarthfa Ironworks

GM478 Gurnos Quarry Tramroad & Leat

GM479 Tai Mawr Leat for Cyfarthfa Iron Works

GM486 Iron Canal Bridge from Rhydycar

GM518 Enclosure East of Nant Cwm Moel

GM519 Enclosure on Coedcae'r Ychain

GM528 Penmoelallt Round Barrows

GM554 Iron Ore Scours and Patch Workings at Winch Fawr, Merthyr Tydfil

GM563 Morlais Hill ring cairn



GM567 Cefn Cil-Sanws ring cairn
GM568 Coetgae'r Gwartheg barrow cemetery
GM569 Garn Pontsticill ring cairn
GM570 Carn Ddu platform cairn
GM571 Cefn Car settlement
GM594 Merthyr Tramroad: Morlais Castle section
GM599 Cefn Cil-sanws, cairn on SW side of
GM600 Cefn Cil-sanws defended enclosure
BR415 Cefn Car Hut Circles and Enclosures

Registered Parks and Gardens:

PGW(Gm)1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle

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

Registered Historic Landscape:

HLW (MGL) 2 Merthyr Tydfil

This planning application is regarding the periodic review of old minerals permissions for Vaynor Quarry, Upper Vaynor Road, Cefn Coed.

The review is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) produced by SLR. This work has considered the impact of the quarry on the above designated historic assets, which are located inside 3km of it, and also on a known and predicted non-designated archaeological site. This work has concluded that there is a need for a condition ensuring that appropriate archaeological works are undertaken prior to the recommencement of any quarrying at the site to be included in the suite of planning conditions. We concur with this conclusion. It is strongly recommended that the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust, the archaeological advisors to Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council are consulted on the wording of this condition, as it will be their role to advise the LPA that the archaeological work is carried out in accordance with the condition.

Yours sincerely,

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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.