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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application – Demolition of bungalow, construction of residential development, landscaping, parking and associated works, Land to the north Of Crabtree Walk And to the west Of Sweetwater Park Trefechan

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2020 inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided with this planning application, we have no objections to the impact of the proposed development on the scheduled monuments or registered historic parks and gardens.

Our assessment of the application is given below.

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.

Mae Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

The Welsh Government Historic Environment Service (Cadw) promotes the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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PPW [planning-policy-wales-edition-10.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.

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.

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments

BR118 Cae Burdydd Castle

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

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

GM495 Cyfarthfa Tramroad Section at Heolgerrig

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

GM594 Merthyr Tramroad: Morlais Castle section

GM599 Cefn Cil-sanws, cairn on SW side of

GM600 Cefn Cil-sanws defended enclosure

Registered Parks and Gardens

PGW (Gm) 1(MER) Cyfarthfa Castle (grade II*)

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

Registered Historic Landscape

Merthyr Tydfil

This planning application is to demolish a bungalow and construct a residential development, landscaping with parking and associated works on land to the north of Crabtree Walk, Trefechan, Merthyr Tydfil

The application includes an archaeological and heritage assessment prepared by EDP which considers the impact of the development on the designated heritage assets above (apart from the registered historic landscape). It concludes that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on any scheduled monument or registered historic park and gardens or their settings. We concur with this conclusion.

EDP have also produced an Assessment of the Impact of Development on Historic Landscapes (ASIDOHL) for the proposals. This has concluded that the impact of the development on Historic Landscape Character Area 058 Ty Newydd will be Fairly Severe.

The ASIDOHL process gives an indication of the level of impact of a development on the historic landscape but does not consider proposed enhancements to the landscape and requires a level of professional judgement to determine the final scale of impact.

In this case, the development design includes proposals for the restoration of the drystone walls around the perimeter of the site, notably those on the bridleway on the eastern side. Given that the walls are the key surviving historic element within the site, this represents a marked improvement on the current baseline.

It should also be noted that Historic Landscape Character Area 058 is a very large character area, extending into the Brecon Beacons National Park, but only that part of the area inside the Merthyr Tydfil is included in the Registered Historic Landscape. The area used in the ASIDOHL to calculate the direct impact of the proposed development has therefore been based on the area included in the Registered Historic Landscape and not on the whole of the Historic Landscape Character Area. The direct impact will therefore be much smaller on the whole Historic Landscape Character Area than on just the part included in the Registered Historic Landscape

It is therefore our opinion, taking into account the above additional information, that overall the proposed development will have moderate, but not significant, impact on the registered historic landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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