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Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
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Merthyr Tydfil
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18th April 2024

FAO: David Cross

Dear Sir

Re: Retrospective planning permission for emergency repairs to stabilise and temporarily weatherproof the building, including the demolition of all oriel windows and the replacement of the existing temporary roof: Former YMCA Building, Pontmorlais West Merthyr Tydfil.
PI.App.No.: P/24/0059.

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

The information in the Historic Environment Record curated by this Trust indicates that the Former YMCA Building is a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref. 11468, as the District Education Office of Mid Glamorgan County Council), dating to 1911 and was the first building designed by Sir Percy Thomas after he set up in practice with Ivor Jones. The YMCA is a significant building in a prominent location and has made an important cultural contribution to the life of the town. Currently it is a significant part of the townscape of Pontmorlais. As a result, we have previously recommended archaeological mitigation for applications relating to the structure, including building surveys (our refs. MTY0127 and MTY0210).

We note that the application is retrospective and that the HIA in the supporting documentation details the condition of the remaining elements of the building.

It is our professional opinion that there will not be an archaeological impact that would require mitigation.

Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application. The record is not definitive, however, and features may be disturbed during the course of the work. In this event, please contact this division of the Trust.

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If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully
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