



Head of Planning Services
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 4TQ

19th February 2021

FAO: Caroline Pulley

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Refurbishment of chapel hall, including reconstruction of toilet block with reinstatement of pitched roof and part new flat roof, demolition and reconstruction of west gable end wall and repainting of mural and re-render walls on new insulation base at High Street Chapel, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8DN
Pl.App.No.: P/20/0297

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

Information in the Historic Environment Record (HER), curated by this Trust, shows that the application area is situated within the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Historic Landscape (HLW (MGI) 2), specifically the Merthyr Tydfil: Historic and Commercial Core Character Area (HLCA001), as defined within the *Register of Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales*. High Street Chapel is a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref: 11451) and the HER records it as a “...*bold neo-classical front of 3-bays, painted render with advanced, pedimented centre, parapets to side bays, gable crucifix. Bracket cornice. 2 storeyed.*” A review of the historic Ordnance Survey maps (dating from 1876 to 1919) shows that the area of the hall to the west of the Chapel was comprised of multiple dwellings. We note from the application’s supporting documents that the hall was a later addition, constructed in 1928 “...*as a stand-alone structure separated by a lane...the land was eventually purchased by the chapel and infilled with the hall kitchen circa mid-20th century.*” (Heritage Impact Statement, dated August 2020).

The proposed application includes the reconstruction of the toilet block and the west gable wall. As the ground has been disturbed from previous development and the proposed works are within the existing footprint, it is considered unlikely that significant archaeological remains will be encountered. The proposed external and internal works are of a relatively limited scale, and we note from the application’s supporting documents that the Merthyr Townscape Mural is to be repainted, which is a positive reinstatement. Therefore, it is considered that the development will not have a detrimental impact upon the buried archaeological resource or the building’s historic features.

Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no archaeological objection to this application. The record is not definitive however, and should any archaeological remains or features be encountered, please contact this division of the Trust.

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

Yours faithfully,

H. Bowden

Hannah Bowden BA MSc
Archaeological Planning Officer

Archaeological
Planning

The Glamorgan-Gwent
Archaeological Trust
Limited

Heathfield House
Heathfield
Swansea
SA1 6EL

Tel: (01792)655208
Fax: (01792)474469
www.ggat.org.uk

Registered Office: As above
Registered in Wales
No. 1276976

A company limited by guarantee
without share capital

Registered charity
No. 505609

