

**PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
LAND AT CRABTREE WALK, TREFECHAN, MERTHYR TYDFIL**

**LANDSCAPE & VISUAL APPRAISAL**

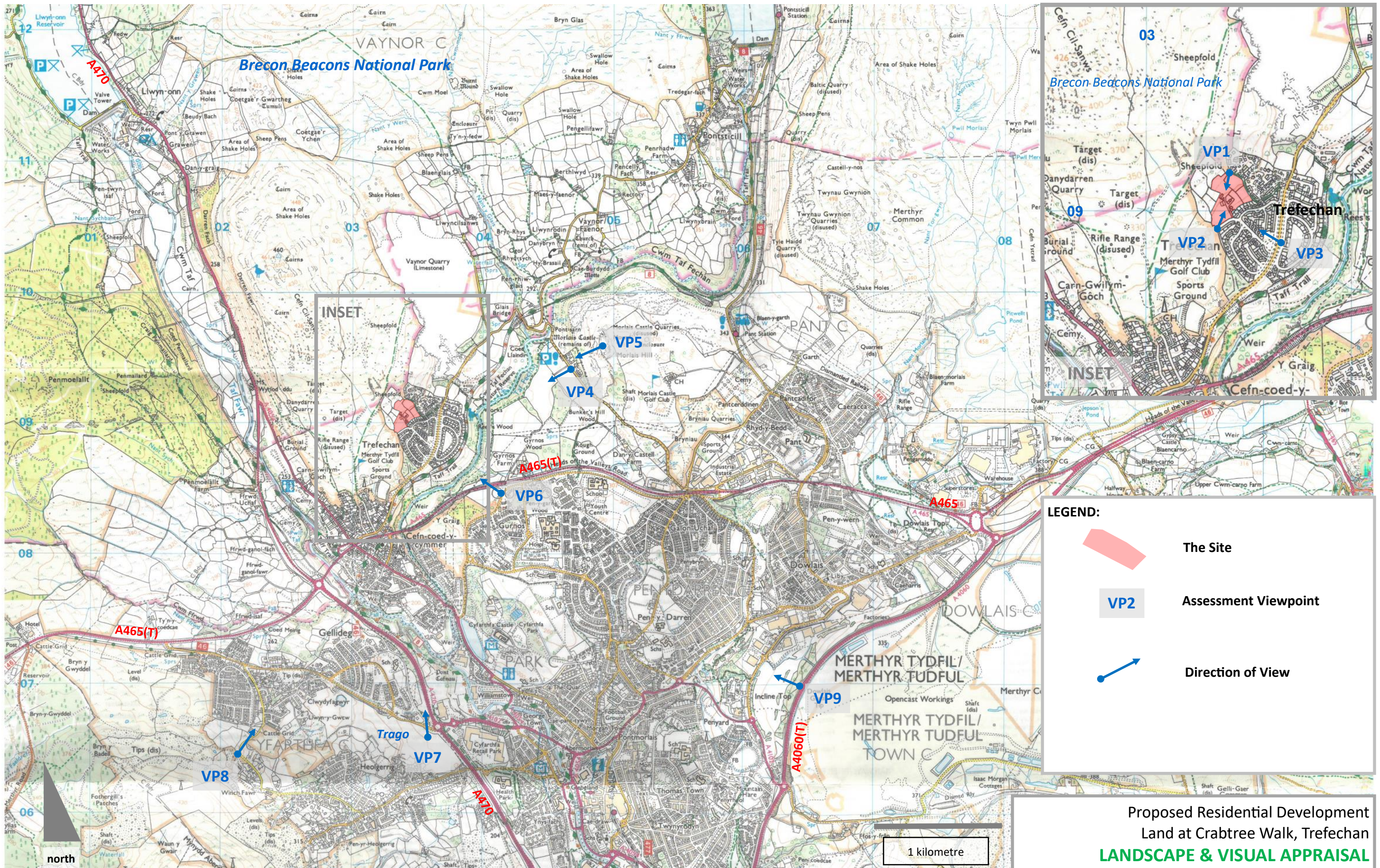
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**VP1** View SE along the local public bridleway which skirts the eastern boundary of The Site. The eastern site boundary fronting the bridleway - on the right of this view - is demarcated by a dilapidated drystone wall and an intermittent line of various trees and shrubs. On the left is the retained embankment at the western edge of the Sweetwater Park housing estate

**VP1** View SW from the local public bridleway adjacent to the north-easternmost part of The Site, at the upper north-western edge of the adjacent housing estate at Sweetwater Park. The vegetation in the middle ground is close to the two existing detached residential properties within The Site

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**VP2** View NE across the western section of The Site from the turning head at the western end of the access road to the rear of houses along Crabtree Walk at its western end. The western boundary to The Site is on the extreme left of this view. The proposed development site is largely visible from here, being partly obscured by the existing residential properties and scattered trees. The upper limit of the proposed development site runs across this view below the skyline.



**VP2** View E along the approximate line of the boundary of The Site, from the stone track close to where it meets the turning head above the rear of the houses at the western end of Crabtree Walk.



**VP3** View NW towards The Site from the footway on the south side of the main road through Trefechan, Beechwood Avenue. The proposed development site would be partially visible from here, with the uppermost houses lying just below the skyline in this view.



**VP3** View WNW showing more of the local built form context at the centre of Trefechan. The bus stop on Beechwood Avenue lies around 15 metres to the W of this viewpoint location.



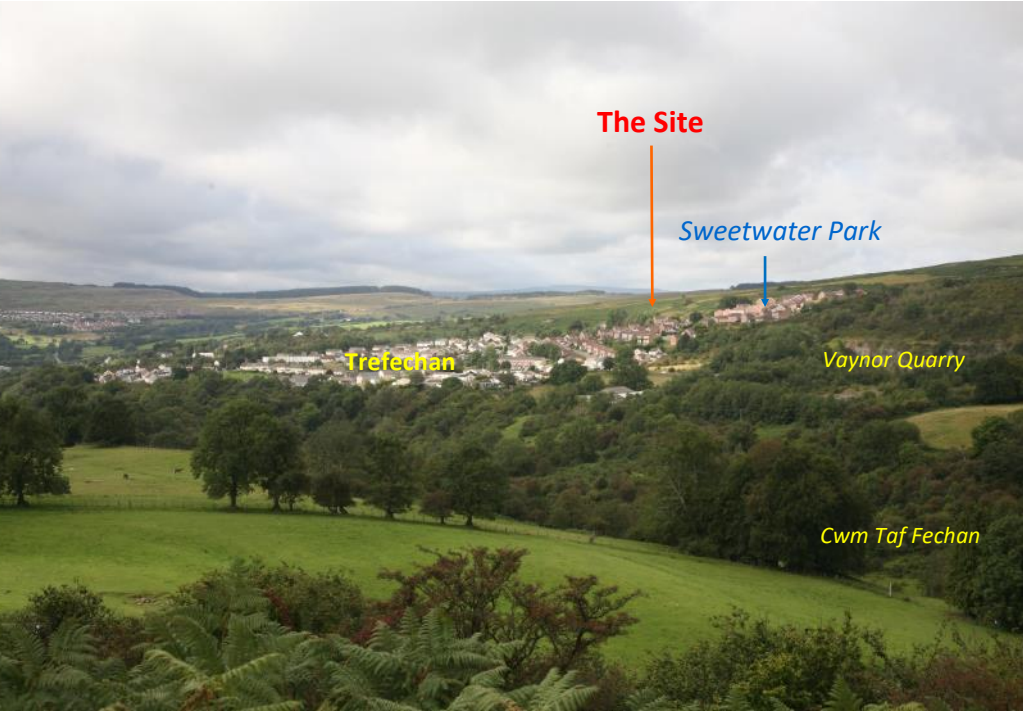
**VP4** View WSW from the public road just S of the entrance to Pontsarn Close, a small row of houses situated on a cul-de-sac above the E side of Pontsarn Road, below the quarries at Morlais Castle. The proposed development site would be partially visible from here, with some parts being screened from view at this location by the existing development within the village of Trefechan and at Sweetwater Park, and by intervening vegetation.



**VP4** View NW along Pontsarn Road towards the Brecon Beacons National Park at Cwm Taf Fechan from the location of Viewpoint 4.



**VP5** View WSW towards The Site from the hill summit at the ruins of Morlais Castle, a Scheduled Monument, at an elevation of around 381m Above Ordnance Datum. The site is visible but partly screened by intervening buildings at Sweetwater Park and deciduous vegetation. The spire of St John the Baptist Church at Cefn Coed-y-cymmer can be seen just above the nearby A465(T) where it crosses the viaduct over the Taf Fechan. It is heavily screened by trees and woodland to the E.



**VP5** View WSW towards The Site from the old quarry level below and to the NW of Morlais Castle, at around 350m AOD, from where The Site is less visible than from the castle, due to intervening built form and boundary vegetation.



**VP6** View NW towards Trefechan from the entrance to the access road to Gyrnos Farm, leading off the N side of Gurnos Ring Road. The A465 Heads of the Valleys Road is in the middle foreground, almost completely obscured by vegetation growing along the main road corridor. The Site is also substantially screened by this and other intervening vegetation. There would be partial views of The Site during the winter aspect, seen through the tracery of tree crowns devoid of their leaves.



**VP6** Houses in Gurnos, opposite the location of VP6 at the entrance to Gyrnos Farm, leading off Gurnos Ring Road. The Site is substantially screened from views from these houses by intervening belts of trees and scrub along the outer edge of Gurnos Ring Road and along the A465 road corridor.



**VP7** View NE towards The Site from the service road at the rear of the Trago complex, just W of the junction of Swansea Road with the A470 at the southern edge of Gellideg. The approximate position of the Brecon Beacons National Park boundary is shown as a pecked line. Existing residential areas at Sweetwater Park and Gurnos break the skyline. The proposed development would lie below the skyline to the left of Sweetwater Park in this view.



**VP7** View WNW along Swansea Road from the edge of the Trago complex, showing its elevated position relative to that of Swansea Road.



**VP8** View NE towards Trefechan from the high point on Winch Fawr Road, at the northern edge of Winch Fawr, S of Clwydyfagwyr and W of Heolgerrig. This location is adjacent to the area of designated Access Land which separates these two settlements, from which there are attractive broad views towards the high ground within the southern neighbouring parts of Brecon Beacons National Park. The approximate position of the Brecon Beacons National Park boundary is shown as a pecked line. The proposed development would be seen in this view as a minor extension to the existing edge of Trefechan, contained by existing urban development and boundary vegetation.



**VP9** View N from the footway at the lay-by located on the eastbound carriageway of the A4060 road between Pentrebach and Dowlais Top. The proposed development would be partially visible to the left of the Sweetwater Park estate and to the right of the chimney at the hospital in Gurnos. This view is perpendicular to the direction of travel.



**VP9** View SW along the east-bound carriageway of the A4060(T). The northern side of the carriageway has extensive linear planting along much of its length.



**VP9** View NE along the east-bound carriageway of the A4060(T) towards Dowlais Top.