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Dear Kate

I hope this day finds you well.

Statutory Remit: The Georgian Group is a consultee on Listed Building Consent applications, as per the Listed building applications and decisions (duty to notify National Amenities Societies and the Royal Commission) (Wales) Direction 2022. We are concerned with historic assets of all types and all ages, including conservation areas and undesignated heritage.

Site description:

The site of Pandy Farm is made up a farmhouse and a set of buildings built around a courtyard with a coach house slightly set back. This set of former farm buildings, stables and service buildings were built as part of Cyfarthfa Castle service buildings. The architecture and materials are mainly typical of an estate farm and stables except the tall and imposing clock tower which is unusual in appearance and dominance (almost like a church tower in the distance) but represents the popular picturesque style of the time. The farm buildings include high-quality building materials used than in the many rural farm buildings of the time like the alternative material quoins and beat of the Welsh slate. This is planned model farm including stables and coach house providing service to the Castle.

The site is prominent and is opposite the Cyfarthfa Castle main entrance and the fine iron entrance railings and gates. Originally there was two lodges either side of the entrance to the house and park which were very similar to the clock tower. (now demolished).

Pandy Farm was important as it would have served as the dairy, flour and meat supply etc for the house just as the kitchen garden would have supplied fruit and vegetables for the kitchens to. It also housed the Farm Bailiff for many years. An important part of how the estate would have been run. The bailiff collected the rent etc from farms on the estate and cover the cost for the house and park. Not so necessary in this estate as it was owned by amazingly wealth industrial giant of the period.

Proposals:

In principle it is welcomed that a new useful had been proposed. However, the Heritage Statement has failed to assess some important heritage assets near to the site that may be impacted by the proposed works i.e. grade II* Pont Y Cafnau which is understood to be the earliest railroad bridge, Scheduled Monument Pwll Wat remains of blast furnaces, scheduled monument Cyfarthfa Ironworks remains of blast furnaces and other nearby industrial remains.

The heritage statement does not analysis the historic feature left internally within the buildings their dates and which are important to the significance of the heritage asset should be retained in the proposals. This is important as the internals can be just as important as the externals and respected

as such. There is no clear historical development plan provided to changes that have taken place to the buildings.

There is little detail regarding the construction methods proposed or the type of heating to be used and insulation required to meet Building Regs. It was also mentioned the need for a structural report this should be provided prior to determination to allow for a proper consideration of the proposals. It is considered that the Heritage Statement and therefore the HIA is deficient as it does not analysis the impact on the

At present it is suggested that the information is insufficient to have an in-depth understanding of the impact on this designated heritage assets and the near-by designated heritage assets.

Therefore, although the principle of the proposal is supportable further information is required to understand how the proposals will impact the heritage assets historic fabric, and the surrounding designated heritage assets. Unfortunately, it means The Group cannot support the application until the additional information is submitted and considered supportable.

The Group is happy to be consulted on further submitted information or plans that reflect that reconsideration may bring.

Kind regards

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