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Triangle Business Park
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Merthyr Tydfil
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11th October 2023

FAO: David Cross

Dear Sir

**Re: Proposed Residential Development (42 Dwellings) with New Access:
Land Adjoining (South of) Swansea Road to the East of Waunbant Court
and North West of Old Winchfawr Road, Swansea Road, Merthyr Tydfil.
Pl.App.No: P/23/0197.**

Thank you for notifying us of this application for residential development.

You will recall our response to the submission of P/18/0316 for this development in our letter of November 2018. In this we noted that information in the Historic Environment Record showed the application area is the site of extensive historic coal tips, suspected to have been created from spoil excavated from the Pen-Llwyn-Deryn Level located to the south west. These coal tips appear on historic mapping and date to before 1880, they are a significant landscape feature locally, with the “finger tips” created by trams route being prominent in views. In regards to any buried archaeological potential recent work at similar sites has shown earlier mining activity in the form of scouring, earlier pits, and tramways to service as buried remains within spoil tips. There is a significant potential to encounter buried archaeological remains in this area, and the visible remains of the tips themselves are a significant feature within the historic landscape. The area also falls within the Registered Historic Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest: Merthyr Tydfil; within character area HLCA063 Clwyd-Y-Fagwyr, Gellideg and Pen-Llwyn-Deri.

Our understanding of the archaeological and historic environment resource has not altered since our last letter and it remains our recommendation that a condition requiring the applicant to submit a detailed written scheme of investigation for a programme of archaeological work to protect the archaeological resource should be attached to any consent granted by your Members.

We envisage that this programme of work would take the form of programme of archaeological work to include a watching brief during the groundworks required for the development, including the provision of sufficient time and resources to ensure that any archaeological features or finds that are located are properly investigated and recorded and a topographic survey of the “finger tips” prior to change. To ensure adherence to the recommendations we recommend that the condition should be worded in a manner similar to model condition 24 given in Welsh Government Circular 016/2014

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No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured agreement for a written scheme of historic environment mitigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the programme of work will be fully carried out in accordance with the requirements and standards of the written scheme.

Reason: To identify and record any features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, in order to mitigate the impact of the works on the archaeological resource.

We also recommend that a note should be attached to the planning consent explaining that:

The archaeological work must be undertaken to the appropriate Standard and Guidance set by Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), [CIfA regulations, standards and guidance | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#) and it is recommended that it is carried out either by a CIfA Registered Organisation or a MCIfA level accredited Member [Looking for an archaeologist? | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#).

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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