



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

9th May 2022

Dear Sir

Re: Change of use to create charity garden with beepod, greenhouse, apiary and pathway

Land rear of The Bothy, Cyfarthfa Park, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8RE

Pl.App.No.: P/22/0073

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 proposal is located in the Cyfarthfa Castle Historic Park and Garden (GM1) and the Merthyr Tydfil Registered Historic Landscape, specifically the Cyfarthfa Castle and Park Character Area (HLCA 013). As a result, we note that Cadw have been consulted over the proposal.

However, from a non-designated point of view, a review of modern aerial photography indicates that the area has been subject to previous ground intrusion activity and topsoil stripping. As a result, this is likely to have had an adverse effect on any potential archaeological remains that may be present. Furthermore, the requisite groundworks are likely to be relatively limited in scale. Overall, it is unlikely that any significant archaeological remains will be encountered during the course of the proposal.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development and 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.

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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