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16 March 2026

Dear Kate,

Site: 47 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8DL

Reference: P/26/0025

The Twentieth Century Society is the National Amenity Society charged with the protection and appreciation of post-1914 heritage. The Society is acknowledged in national planning guidance as the key organisation concerned with the modern period and is a constituent member of the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies (JCNAS).

Thank you for consulting the Society above planning application for the *proposed new entrance, internal alterations, conversion of basement and ground floor to A3 use, and conversion of the first floor to C1 hotel use.*

47 High Street was built as a banking hall in the early Twentieth Century. The building was Grade II-listed in 1988 and is recognised as a 'monumental classical early twentieth century frontage.' It features a ground floor of dark polished granite with striking columns, while the upper storey is finished in Portland stone. Internally some of the original timber work including doorways, architraves and pediments survive. The original safe remains in place in the basement. The building sits within the Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre Conservation Area.

The main significance of 47 High Street is in its impressive street façade, and we are pleased to see that the door which was once removed to install a cash machine, will now be reinstalled to match the existing on the other side of the façade.

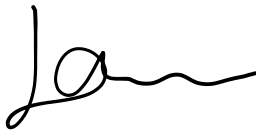
Much of the internal detail of the banking hall has already been lost, however that which remains should be seen as historically and architecturally important. We would urge the applicants to consider what original fabric and historic features remain and to restore them as part of these proposals.

We have no further comments to make on the proposals, but would defer to our colleagues at the Victorian Society as this building may also fall within their period of protection.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura', with a stylized, wavy line extending from the end.

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