

Merthyr Tydfil County Council
The Planning Division
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Date: 15/09/2020
Our Ref: PLA0051272
Your Ref: P/20/0199

Dear Sirs,

Grid Ref: SO050063 305155 206441

Site: Former St Tydfil's Hospital, Upper Thomas Street, Merthyr Tydfil

Development: Residential development consisting of the conversion and extension to a listed building to create 7 apartments and a dwelling, construction of 62 dwellings (including 3 affordable units).

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

In respect of the aforementioned planning application, we can confirm that Dwr Cymru Welsh Water have been previously informed of the proposed development and consulted, as a 'Specialist Consultee', in accordance with Schedule 1C Article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

We have reviewed the information submitted as part of this application with particular focus on the Drainage Strategy Note July 2020 Revision A. We can confirm that foul water flows can be accommodated in the public sewer system and we acknowledge that the intention is to discharge the surface water via a sustainable drainage system. However, we note that the SuDS Strategy Plan drawing 2447 – 501 revision B indicates a 'potential SW connection to existing DCWW combined sewer' option and it should be noted that no agreement is provided for communication of surface water flows to the public sewerage system, as well as highway and land drainage run-off.

In addition, with respect to our pre-application consultation response, we would advise that the proposed development site is crossed by a number of combined public sewers, with their approximate position being marked on the attached plans. In accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water requires access to its apparatus at all times in order to carry out maintenance and repairs. The Drainage Strategy Note highlights reference to existing public sewers within the site and that it is proposed to abandon those in the southern part of the site subject to approval. However, we remind that there is currently no Section 185 agreement or application to divert these public sewers and the development, as shown would be situated within the protection zone of the public sewers measured 3 metres either side of the centreline. Whilst we can confirm it may be possible to divert the sewers if the developer applies under Section 185 of the Water Industry Act, we request that they contact us to discuss and consider possible solutions.

Accordingly, if you are minded to grant Planning Consent for the above development, we would request that the following **Condition and Advisory Notes** are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets:

SEWERAGE

ASSET PROTECTION

The proposed development site is crossed by a public sewer with the approximate position being marked on the attached Statutory Public Sewer Record. The position shall be accurately located and marked out on site before works commence and no operational development shall be carried out, or SuDS facility located within 3 metres either side of the centreline of the public sewer.

Condition

No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

Reason: To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

Advisory Notes

As of 07/01/2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with Merthyr Tydfil Council, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.

The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption"- 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com



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The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

The planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water industries Act 1991. Any alterations to existing premises resulting in the creation of additional premises or merging of existing premises must also be constructed so that each is separately connected to the Company's water main and can be separately metered. Please contact our new connections team on 0800 917 2652 for further information on water and sewerage connections.

SEWAGE TREATMENT

No problems are envisaged with the Wastewater Treatment Works for the treatment of domestic discharges from this site.

WATER SUPPLY

A water supply can be made available to serve this proposed development. The developer may be required to contribute, under Sections 40 - 41 of the Water Industry Act 1991, towards the provision of new off-site and/or on-site watermains and associated infrastructure. The level of contribution can be calculated upon receipt of detailed site layout plans which should be sent to the address above.

There may be private watermains on site that the developer will have to be conscious of while completing excavation works.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwrcymru.com

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Maria Evans
Development Control Officer
Developer Services



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