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ARCHAEOLOGICAL PLANNING

Head of Planning
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
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20th October 2025

Dear Sir

Re: Repair and restoration of the Grade II listed Synagogue and Grade II listed Primrose Hill to provide a Welsh Jewish Cultural Centre, with associated landscaping works on land to the north and east of the Synagogue, the erection of a bat roost house, plant enclosure and air source heat pump

The Synagogue Church Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 0ER

Pl.App.No.: P/25/0229

Thank you for consulting us about this application; consequently we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

We have consulted the regional Historic Environment Record and note that the Synagogue is a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref. 11426), constructed in 1872-5, in heavy Northern Gothic style. It was reconstructed and dedicated in 1955. In 1982 the synagogue was sold and converted into the Merthyr Christian Centre, followed by a gymnasium. The building became redundant and suffered continued vandalism. The building was purchased by the Foundation for Jewish Heritage in 2019 in order to convert it into the Welsh Jewish Cultural Centre, which involved conducting essential repairs (part funded by Cadw). Primrose Hill is also a Grade II Listed Building (Cadw ref. 11425), dating to the early to mid 19th century.

As such we have, in 2008 and subsequently, made recommendations for proposals on the site. However, we note the submission of a 'Synagogue, Merthyr Tydfil: Record of Building and Condition Assessment Report' and a 'Primrose Hill, Merthyr Tydfil: Record of Building and Condition Assessment Report' submitted with the current application. We also note that a photographic survey has previously been submitted to Merthyr Library in advance of the conversion to the Merthyr Christian Centre. Furthermore, the elevations, particularly the western one, will be preserved within the scheme. Overall it is unlikely that archaeologically significant material will be encountered during the course of the proposed works.

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

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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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