Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Application for hedgerow removal notice

The Environment Act 1995
The Hedgerows Regulations 1997

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1. Applicant Name and Address

Title:	Miss	First name:	Gemma
Last name:	Williams		
Company (optional):	RSK Environment Ltd		
Unit:		House number:	172
House suffix:			
House name:	Spring Lodge		
Address 1:	Chester Road		
Address 2:	Helsby		
Address 3:			
Town:	Helsby		
County:	Cheshire		
Country:	England		
Postcode:	WA6 0AR		

2. Agent Name and Address

Title:	Mr	First name:	Rhodri
Last name:	Davies		
Company (optional):	Laing O'Rourke		
Unit:	1 & 2	House number:	
House suffix:			
House name:	Bridge Place 1 & 2		
Address 1:	Anchor Boulevard		
Address 2:	Crossways		
Address 3:	Dartford		
Town:	Kent		
County:	Kent		
Country:	England		
Postcode:	DA2 6SN		

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth a galwadau ffôn yn Gymraeg / We welcome correspondence and telephone calls in Welsh

3. Site Details

Please provide the full postal address of the application site.

Unit:		House number:		House suffix:	

House name:	W3W Location - bulletins.jolt.meal
Address 1:	Heol Cae'r Bont
Address 2:	Margam
Address 3:	Neath Port Talbot
Town:	Neath Port Talbot
County:	West Glamorgan
Postcode: (optional)	SA13 2NS

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site – for example “field to the North of the Post Office”.

Easting:	279001	Northing:	185491

Description:

RSK Environment, working with Laing O'Rourke on behalf of National Grid, hereby submit a Hedgerow Removal Notice in respect of a section of hedgerow located adjacent to Heol Cae'r Bont, Margam, Port Talbot, within the Neath Port Talbot County Borough. The hedgerow runs along the northern side of Heol Cae'r Bont in an area characterised by a mixture of industrial, infrastructure and semi natural habitats associated with the wider Margam and Port Talbot industrial complex.

To the south of the hedgerow lies Heol Cae'r Bont and Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, whilst to the north are areas of scrub vegetation, drainage features and operational industrial land associated with the British Oxygen Company (BOC) facility and surrounding infrastructure. A wooded area is located to the north east of the site, beyond which are further industrial and energy related facilities.

The hedgerow forms a linear landscape feature alongside the road corridor, the road of which leads

4. Pre-application Advice

Has pre-application advice been sought from the local planning authority about this application?

Yes ☑ No ☐

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given.
(This will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently).

Please tick if the full contact details are not known, and then complete as much possible: ☑

Officer name:

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (Must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received:

Pre-application discussions have been undertaken with National Grid, as the client for the wider project, and with officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in relation to the proposed works and the requirement for a Hedgerow Removal Notice.

As a result of these discussions, specialist ecological and archaeological/historical assessments were commissioned to establish whether the hedgerow meets the criteria for classification as an " important hedgerow" under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. This included an ecological assessment and an archaeological and historical assessment undertaken in accordance with relevant guidance and informed by Historic Environment Record data obtained through HENEB.

The findings of these assessments accompany this application and demonstrate that the hedgerow does not meet the criteria for classification as an "important hedgerow" under either the Wildlife and Landscape or the Archaeology and History provisions of the Hedgerows Regulations 1997.

The discussions also considered the scope of the proposed works, which have been limited to the temporary removal of approximately 40 metres of hedgerow to facilitate construction access. Following completion of the works, the temporary access will be removed and the affected section of hedgerow will be reinstated using a native mixed species planting scheme consistent with the existing hedgerow and surrounding landscape.

5. Hedgerow Removal Notice

Please state the reasons for the proposed removal of hedgerow(s):

The proposed removal of approximately 40 metres of hedgerow is required to facilitate the creation of a temporary construction access from Heol Cae'r Bont, within the fields encoporated by the BOC facility in connection with the installation of an underground cable route, in association with the Margam Substation upgrade, that is taking place to provide power to the Tata Steel Electric Arc Furnace development.

The extent of hedgerow removal has been limited to the minimum length necessary to safely

Please state the reference number of the plan(s) to be submitted with this application showing the stretch(es) of hedgerow(s) to be removed:

1. Plan Reference. HRN-001 – Heol Cae'r B
2. Margam Substation Hedgerows Regulatior
3. Heol Cae'r Bont, Port Talbot Archaeologica
4. RSK Environment - Statement for Hedgerc
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Please confirm the length of the hedgerow to be removed: Approximatly 40m

Please state if the hedgerow to be removed is less than 30 years old: Yes ☐ No ☑

If Yes, is evidence of the date of planting attached: Yes ☐ No ☐

Please answer the following questions (one must be answered 'Yes'):

I am/we are the owner(s) of the freehold of the land concerned: OR Yes ☐ No ☐

I am/we are the tenant(s) of the agricultural holding concerned: OR Yes ☐ No ☐

I am/we are the tenant(s) under the farm business tenancy concerned: OR Yes ☐ No ☐

I am/act for the utility operator concerned: Yes ☑ No ☐

6. Planning Application Requirements – Checklist

Please read the following checklist to make sure you have sent all the information in support of your proposal. Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the Local Planning Authority has been submitted.

The original and 3 copies of a completed and dated application form. ✔

The original and 3 copies of a plan which identifies the land to which the application relates drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North. ✔

The correct fee. ✔

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7. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the persons giving them.

Signed – Applicant:	GAW
Or signed – Agent:	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (date cannot be pre-application)	08/06/2026

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8. Applicant Contact Details

Telephone numbers:

Country code:	National number:	Extension number:
+44	07717600453	

Country code:	Mobile number (optional):
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Email address (optional):

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9. Agent Contact Details

Telephone numbers:

Country code:	National number:	Extension number:
+44	(0)7353 887 557	

Country code:	Mobile number (optional):

Email address (optional):

Rhdavies@laingorourke.com

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10. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? Yes ☑ No ☐

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (*Please select only one*)

Agent ☑ Applicant ☑ Other (if different from the agent/applicant's details) ☐

If Other has been selected, please provide:

Contact name:	Telephone number:
Gemma Williams	07717600453

Email address:

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