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Ein Cyf/Our ref: qA1390353
Eich Cyf/Your ref: P/2019/5567
Dyddiad/Date: 10 February 2020

Dear Mr Brennan,

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (WALES)
REGULATIONS 2012
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR WORKS TO INSERT TWO ROOF WINDOWS
AT MARGAM CREMATORIUM, LONGLAND LANE, MARGAM, PORT TALBOT -
APPLICATION NO. P/2019/5567**

1. Consideration has been given to the above application for Listed Building Consent by the Welsh Ministers in accordance with the provisions of regulation 9 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Wales) Regulations 2012.
2. I am authorised by the Minister for Housing and Local Government to determine your application.
3. The application seeks Listed Building Consent for works to insert two extra roof windows within the new single storey extension and adaption of Margam Crematorium.
4. In considering an application for Listed Building Consent the decision maker is required by Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting, or any feature of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

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5. Policies relating to the conservation of the historic environment are set out in Chapter 6 'The Historic Environment' of Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10, December 2018). Paragraph 6.1.10 summarises the general presumption in favour of the preservation of listed buildings. Paragraph 6.1.13 requires applicants to demonstrate why alteration to or demolition of a listed building is desirable or necessary. This is supplemented by Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment (May 2017). Paragraphs 5.9 to 5.17 of Chapter 5 provide detailed guidance on the consideration of applications for Listed Building Consent.
6. Section 3 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ("the WFG Act") places a duty on the Welsh Ministers, as a public body, to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, in accordance with the sustainable development principle and aimed at achieving well-being goals, as defined in section 4 of the WFG Act. In order to act in this manner, I have taken into account the ways of working, set out in section 5 of the WFG Act and the associated statutory guidance (SPSF1: Core Guidance, Shared Purpose: Shared Future) as part of the procedures relating to applications for Listed Building Consent.
7. Cadw's Inspector of Historic Buildings has considered the information submitted with this application and has provided the following assessment in relation to the work proposed:

"The proposed application is to provide two new roof-light windows into the new single storey extension, which was approved previously in 2019 (Application No. P/2019/179) to increase natural light within the staffing area at the grade II listed Margam Crematorium, Langland Lane, Margam.*

The Crematorium is complex in Modernist Style and characterised by the use of exposed concrete, massing of geometric forms, single pitched roofs of contrasting angles, with emphasis given to the main building through the use of exposed patterned ribbed concrete, whereas the linking structures use irregular cast concrete surfaces. The building is listed as a fine example of a post-war Crematorium, which was a new building type of the 20th Century.

The two proposed new roof-light windows, within the new single storey extension and adaptation of the Crematoriums interior in certain areas, will upgrade the existing Crematorium, so that it is in line with current legislation - with the proposed works having minimal impact on the existing listed building. Hence, the proposed works linked with the previous Listed Building application (P/2019/179) would have little impact on the setting or cause any detrimental affect to the existing grade II listed structure itself and the proposed works have been addressed in the submitted Heritage Impact Assessment.*

In my opinion, I would conclude that the proposed two new roof-light windows within the new single storey extension and internal alterations, associated to the Margam Crematorium would not have any significant visual impact on the grade II listed structure. The works are being integrated sympathetically, within the existing design of the building. I am content with the proposed installation of the two new roof-light windows and associated internal alterations, which are being kept to the minimum necessary to bring the building up to modern standards. Hence, I would recommend approval of this application”*

8. The primary consideration in this case is the statutory duty to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the structures or setting or any features of special architectural or historical interest which is possessed. Your submissions indicate that the proposed two roof-light windows will provide natural daylight for staff in the office accommodation which is required to support the operation of Margam Crematorium.
9. I have considered the relevant submissions with the application and I can find nothing in the information before me which leads me to disagree with Cadw's assessment in respect of the effect of the works on the listed building. I conclude the works would not have an adverse impact on the building's character or setting.
10. For the reasons given above, and in exercise of the authority referred to in paragraph 2, I hereby grant Listed Building Consent as set out in application P/2019/5567 for the insertion of two roof windows at Margam Crematorium, subject to the following conditions:
 - i) The works hereby granted consent shall be commenced before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission;
 - ii) The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:
 - Margam Crematorium Proposed Extension – Proposed Floor Layout, Drawing No. A1162-03, Rev E;
 - Margam Crematorium Proposed Extension – Existing Floor Layout, Drawing No. A1162-02;
 - Margam Crematorium Proposed Extension – Existing & Proposed Plans and Elevations, Drawing No. A1162-01, Rev B; and
 - Margam Crematorium Proposed Extension – Existing & Proposed Cross Section, Drawing No. A1162-05, Rev C.
11. In reaching this decision, I have considered the well-being duty under section 3 of the WFG Act. In considering the relevant Welsh Government well-being objectives, this decision will help 'build resilient communities, culture, and language' by safeguarding the historic environment. Having regard to the conclusion reached in this respect, I consider the decision accords with the sustainable development principle and is aimed at achieving the well-being objectives.

12. This letter does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bye law, order or regulation other than Section 8 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Yours sincerely,



Owain Williams
Planning Manager – Decisions
Planning Directorate

Arwyddwyd o dan awdurdod Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Lleol, un o Weinidogion Cymru.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Housing and Local Government; one of the Welsh Ministers.

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NOTE/ NODYN

(Nid yw'r nodyn yma yn ffurfio rhan o'r caniatâd)
(This note does not form part of the consent)

Ble mae amod yn gofyn neu gyfeirio at ganmoliaeth Gweinidogion Cymru, dylech chi gysylltu â Cadw (Cyfarwyddiaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru) ynglŷn a unrhyw fater yn gysylltiedig â'r caniatâd.

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Where a condition requires or refers to the approval of the Welsh Ministers, you are advised to contact Cadw (the Welsh Government's historic environment division) in connection with any matter relating to the approval.

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