



Aerial View of Groll Estate Country Park showing the immediate context of Neath to the South West and the location of the Visitor Centre circled in red

INTRODUCTION

Overview

This document has been prepared by **Hiraeth** Architecture to support an application for full planning permission from Neath Port Talbot Council for the demolition of the existing Gnoll Park visitor centre and its replacement with a new purpose designed visitor centre.

The proposed works include:

- The demolition of the existing visitor centre, built in the 1990s, which is no longer fit for purpose;
- The removal and set aside for reuse of an external canopy, currently providing cover to an outdoor dining / seating area;
- The construction of a new, purpose-built, accessible visitor centre, which responds to the needs of the community to provide a mix of spaces for public use;
- The provision of a new path and raised walkway from the existing adjacent car park to adjoin the first floor of the visitor centre, enabling a more integrated and accessible building in response to the natural topography of the site;
- Associated hard and soft landscaping, which aids legibility and embeds the visitor centre into its immediate context.

It is noted that further planning applications are being prepared for submission describing proposals for amendments to the adjacent car parks and service facilities including new electric vehicle charging points. The effects and implications of changes beyond the immediate application area have therefore been borne in mind when developing proposals.