

Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Details

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".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location (must be completed if postcode is not known)

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

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Company Name

Head of Property and Regeneration for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Address

Address line 1

The Quays

Address line 2

Brunel Way

Address line 3

Baglan Energy Park

Town/City

Neath

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SA11 2GG

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Iwan

Surname

Rowlands

Company Name

Asbri Planning

Address

Address line 1

Suite D

Address line 2

1st floor

Address line 3

220 High Street

Town/City

Swansea

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SA1 1NW

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Email address

Site Area

What is the site area?

2410.00

Scale

Sq. metres

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building which would result in the loss or gain of public open space?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Description of the Proposal

Description

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use

Proposed development comprising demolition and rebuilding of existing visitor centre

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site currently comprises the existing visitor centre for Gnoll Country Park.

Is the site currently vacant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

Land which is known or suspected to be contaminated for all or part of the site

☐ Yes

☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

☐ Yes

☒ No

Application advice

If you have said Yes to any of the above, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment.

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information regarding the element of the site area which is in previously developed land or greenfield land

Area of previously developed land proposed for new development

0.10

hectares

Area of greenfield land proposed for new development

0.00	hectares
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Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used in the build?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used in the build (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Linear charcoal facing brick in random bond with black mortar joints. Untreated open joint vertical timber cladding. Treated open joint vertical timber cladding. Exposed glulam columns & beams

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Extensive Green Roof System Continuous flat roof single ply membrane roof Photovoltaic panels system to be set out to align with parapet. Rooflight - Polystor powder coated metal double glazed unit.

Type:

Windows

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

PPC Aluminium Colour : RAL (TBC)

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Polyester powder coated Aluminium doors Colour : RAL (TBC) PPC aluminium Solid Flush panel

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Fascias/Copings/Flashings/Downpipes

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

PPC Aluminium Colour : RAL

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Slide/fold shutters

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

PCC Aluminium sliding servery hatch

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Balustrades

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Polyestor powder coated metal with wooden handrail

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Terrace and Steps

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Pre cast fair faced concrete

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Louvres

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Natural untreated vertical timber louvres to align with cladding

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Servery

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

PPC Aluminium sliding servery hatch

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Hand rail to steps & walkway

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Polyestor powder coated metal with timber handrail

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Raised walkway

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

PPC Aluminium / Steel fascia to steel structured walkway

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Please refer to submitted covering letter for further details

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle or pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Please show details of any existing or proposed rights of way on or adjacent to the site, as well as any alterations to pedestrian and vehicle access, on your plans or drawings.

Vehicle Parking

Is vehicle parking relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you will need to provide a full tree survey with accompanying plan before your application can be determined. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

[Refer to the Welsh Government's Development Advice Maps website.](#)

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

From 7 January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square metres or more, require Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for surface water designed and built in accordance with the Welsh Ministers' [Statutory SuDS Standards](#). SuDS Schemes must be approved by your local authority acting in its SuDS Approving Body (SAB) role. Please contact your local authority for details of how to apply.

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☒ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the help text. The help text provides further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the help text, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

a) Protected and priority species

- ☒ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☐ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the 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.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☒ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste and have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If you have answered Yes to the question above please add details in the following table:

Use Class:

D2 - Assembly and leisure

Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres):

496

Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres):

496

Total gross internal floorspace proposed (including change of use) (square metres):

960

Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres):

464

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres)
	496	496	960	464

For hotels, residential institutions and hostels please additionally indicate the loss or gain of rooms:

Employment

Will the proposed development require the employment of any staff?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

3

Part-time

3

Total full-time equivalent

4.00

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

Use Class:

D2 - Assembly and leisure

Unknown:

Yes

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

Does your proposal involve the installation of a standalone renewable or low-carbon energy development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details

Hiraeth Architects and NPTCBC undertook a public consultation event at Gnoll Estate Country Park Visitor Centre, which displayed all information included in the Stage 1 Levelling Up Funding document. A formal pre-application consultation took place between 18th May 2023 and June 15th 2023, with site notices displayed on site, letters sent to statutory, other and community consultees, along with adjoining residents. In addition to this, a response desk was set up in the visitor centre.

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)

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

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):

Officer name:

Title

First Name

Surname

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received

Ongoing discussions have taken place concerning the proposal with members of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council planning department in relation to the scope and content required for planning application submission.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details of the name, relationship and role:

The applicant is the Head of Property and Regeneration for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Ownership Certificates

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A,B,C or D.

Are you the sole owner of ALL the land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/the applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner (owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least seven years left to run) of any part of the land or building to which the application relates.

Person Role

- ☐ The Applicant
☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Iwan

Surname

Rowlands

Declaration Date

25/08/2023

☒ Declaration made

Agricultural Holding Certificate

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Agricultural land declaration - you must select either A or B

☒ (A) None of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of an agricultural holding

☐ (B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below

Person Role

☐ The Applicant

☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Iwan

Surname

Rowlands

Declaration Date

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Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Iwan Rowlands

Date

25/08/2023