

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)
REGULATIONS 1990**

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT (EXECUTE WORKS)

Name and address of the applicant

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DATE REGISTERED: 17 June 2024

APPLICATION NO: P2024/0374

LOCATION: St Catherines Church, Church Hall , Old Road, Neath, SA11 2BT

PROPOSAL:

Listed building consent application: Internally: removal of glass-fibre and mineral fibre lay-in grid ceiling tile support systems and suspended ceiling grid, fit plaster boarded and insulated ceilings, encapsulate existing old thermoplastic tiles with modern finishes, strip out the existing male and female toilets and refit to serve the proposed new internal layout and meet building regulation standards, construct internal partitions using lightweight timber studding and plasterboard partitioning. Externally: repair existing fibre-cement slates on modern church hall; indent formed in the east elevation of modern church hall and modern double-glazed doors fitted, PVC framed windows and doors retained and repaired as necessary, repair and repoint rubblestone walls of the church perimeter boundary features, repair flashings on covered staircase link with code 5 or heavier cover flashings at the intersection with that of the main church, repair concrete tiles pitched roof covering on covered staircase link, repair /replace existing flat felt built-up modern roof coverings on covered staircase link to match existing or utilise similar but enhanced products, repair / replace PVC clad with decayed timber beneath as found, reinstate gate piers at the road junction with the Old Road, installation of two windows within the principal elevation of the church hall, installation of new internal and external doors to the existing covered staircase link with St Catherines Church, installation of two Velux windows within the north-western roof slope and six Velux windows within the south-eastern roof slope, removal of the majority of the rear external wall of the church hall to create the covered outdoor space - the works for which would include blocking up the existing windows within the north-western side elevation and one existing window within the south-eastern side

elevation, together with the installation of full width bi-folding doors within the resultant rear elevation.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Regulations hereby **GRANTS LISTED BUILDING (EXECUTE WORKS) CONSENT** in accordance with the application and the plans submitted therewith, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

This is Decision Notice Revision 1 issued on 15/07/2025

Conditions:-

Time Limit Conditions

- 1 The works permitted shall begin not later than five years from the date of this consent.

Reason:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

- 2 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

- Existing & Proposed Block Plans, dated April 2024.
- Proposed Elevations, dated April 2024.
- Proposed Floor Plan, dated April 2024.
- Existing Elevations, dated February 2024.
- Existing Floor Plan, dated February 2024.

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 3 Notwithstanding any other details that may be given in the application, and prior to being installed/applied to the building as part of the development hereby approved, details and/or samples (including manufacturers' product, design and colour) of all new external surface materials/finishes (walls, windows/doors) shall be first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall thereafter only be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason:

To preserve and enhance the special character and appearance of the listed building.

**Details in respect of the above condition were agreed by discharge of condition application
ref: P2025/0116 on 15/07/2025**

- 4 Notwithstanding any other details that may be given in the application, no windows (including velux windows) or doors shall be installed, removed or replaced until 1:10 drawings with 1:5 sections detailing the design, joinery and finish details for all new and replacement windows have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter only proceed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason:

The submitted window drawings require further detail to ensure the development preserves the special character and appearance of the listed building.

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ref: P2025/0116 on 15/07/2025**

Action Conditions

- 5 All new external works and finishes and works of making good shall match the existing original work adjacent in respect of materials used, detailed execution and finished appearance, except where indicated otherwise on the drawings hereby approved or as required by any condition(s) attached to this consent.

Reason:

To preserve the special character and appearance of the listed building.

Informatives:

1 Bats often roost in houses and other buildings, and work on this building may disturb a bat roost. All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK and European legislation. If works are planned on a building in which bats are roosting, Natural Resources Wales must be contacted. If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work shall cease and NRW should be contacted immediately. Where bats or their roosts are present, no works of site clearance, demolition or construction shall take place unless a licence to disturb these species and/or their roosts has been granted in accordance with the relevant legislation. NRW can be contacted at:- Natural Resources Wales, Ty Cambria, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TP, 0300 065 3000 Bat Conservation Trust can be contacted at:- Studio 15, Cloisters House, Cloisters Business Centre, 8 Battersea Park Road, London, SA8 4BG, 0345 1300 228

2 Due to the nature of the existing roof structure and the type of roof finish not being natural slate, it is suggested that the proposed roof-lights (8No. in total) have no greater upstand than 25mm above the slope of the roof (pitch-line) of the man-made slate finish to the roof.

The proposal has been considered against the legal duty placed on the Local Planning Authority in respect to listed buildings as set out in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended) and the policies of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan (2011-2026) adopted January 2016. Consideration has also been given to Cadw's Conservation Principles and Managing Change Guidance.

It is considered that the works would not adversely affect the historical and architectural character and appearance of the Listed Building. As such, the proposed development would be in accordance with Policies SC1, SP21 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Signed:



Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 10 December 2024

IMPORTANT:

(1) Please note that for all decisions issued after 16th March 2016 for outline or full planning permission, a revised decision notice will be issued whenever a subsequent consent is given, for example providing details of any Reserved Matters approvals (outline applications only) and/or approval of conditions (including on Reserved Matters). This will ensure that the current status of the conditions applied to a consent is clear. Accordingly you are advised to visit www.npt.gov.uk/planning to view the application documentation to see if this is the current version, or whether it has been superseded by a more up-to-date revision of this Decision Notice. For Reserved Matters approvals the revised Decision Notice will only be shown under the Outline approval.

(2) Please note that this consent is specific to the plans and particulars approved as part of the application. Any departure from the approved plans will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action. You (or any subsequent developer) should advise the Council of any actual or proposed variations from the approved plans immediately so that you can be advised how to best resolve the matter.

(3) In addition, any conditions that the Council has imposed on this consent will be listed above and should be read carefully. It is your (or any subsequent developers) responsibility to ensure that the terms of all conditions are met in full at the appropriate time (as outlined in the specific condition). Please note that any works carried out without compliance with the conditions attached to this approval will be entirely at the risk of the persons involved and may result in formal action being taken by the Local Planning Authority.

(4) The developer should have regard to Sections 4, 7, 8 and 8A of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and to the British Standards Institution's Code of Practice for "Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people" (BS 8300:2009+A1:2010).

(5) From 1st October 2012 it has been an offence to install a public sewer or lateral drain without having an adoption agreement in place. From the 1st October 2012 the vast majority of all existing private sewers and lateral drains which link with the public sewer network were transferred to Welsh Water. For further details on how this will affect your development please contact: Welsh Water Developer Services, PO Box 3146, Cardiff, CF30 0EH. Telephone No. 0800 9172652 or email: developer.services@dwrcymru.com.

(6) Welsh Water Dwr Cymru advise that the planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water Industry Act 1991.

Please note, in accordance with Construction and Design Management (CDM) Regulations, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any proposed works within their curtilage do not conflict with any underground services and is recommended they review their land registry title deeds for any legal covenants. For Sewers or Watermains that may be present and affected by your proposals, you are advised to contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water who will be able to explain whether your proposed works will be acceptable as well as any consent required. Prior to commencing works, it is also recommend the applicant review the information and guidance on Building Over Sewers

available on Welsh Water's website at

<https://developers.dwrcymru.com/en/applications/planning/build-over-or-near-to-sewers>

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on Welsh Water maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The applicant's attention is drawn to the notes below.

- (1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Welsh Government under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (2) You can also appeal to the Welsh Government against a decision to refuse permission or grant subject to conditions in respect of applications made for :- Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent; Consent under a Tree Preservation Order; Advertisement Consent.
- (3) You can also appeal If your application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Lawful Proposed Use is partly or wholly refused or is granted differently from what you asked for (under Section 195/196) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (4) If you are aggrieved of the LPAs decision, the following deadlines apply for appeals to be submitted to the Welsh Government (from the date of the Council's decision):-

(1) Planning Permission (with the exception of Minor Commercial and Householder applications – see below)	Within 6 Months
(2) Householder Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(3) Minor Commercial Appeal see endnote i	Within 12 weeks
(4) Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent appeals	Within 6 months
(5) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Consent	Within 28 days
(6) Advertisement Consent	Within 8 weeks
(7) Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing (Section 191) or Proposed (Section 192) Use or Development	Within 6 months
(8) Hazardous Substances Consent	Within 6 months
- (5) Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning & Environment Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ – Tel 0300 060 4400, or online at <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/>.
- (6) The Welsh Government has power to allow a longer period for the giving of notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- (7) The Welsh Government is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to them that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted having regard to the statutory requirements to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the Order. They do not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by them.
- (8) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Welsh Government, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the County Borough Council, in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a **purchase notice** requiring that Council purchase his interest in the land in

accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Making an Appeal

- (9) Please note that for all applications received by the LPA after 5th May 2017, it is now a requirement that any appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate (other than Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals, and appeals against refusal to grant advertisement consent) must be accompanied by all the information and evidence you intend to rely upon (a **“full statement of case”**). You must also send a copy of the notice of appeal and full statement of case to the LPA.
- (10) In addition, for ‘planning appeals’ an amendment to an application following notice of appeal may only be made to correct an error.
- (11) Additional details and information on making an appeal to the Welsh Government is available from the Planning Inspectorate at the above address and website. The relevant documents are entitled “making your planning appeal” and “planning appeals Public Local Inquiries”.
- (12) Further correspondence regarding this application should bear the reference number quoted on the top of the decision notice.

THIS NOTICE RELATES ONLY TO A PLANNING DECISION AND DOES NOT RELATE TO OTHER LEGISLATION INCLUDING ANY LEGISLATION UNDER:

- BUILDING REGULATIONS – Please contact buildingcontrol@npt.gov.uk or 01639 686820 to discuss all aspects of the service that is offered by Building Control
- HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

IF PLANNING CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED IT IS ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER ANY OTHER FORM OF CONSENT IS REQUIRED AND TO OBTAIN SUCH CONSENT BEFORE COMMENCING DEVELOPMENT

ⁱ Please see the [Town and Country Planning \(Referred Applications and Appeals Procedure\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) for appeal procedures and for full definitions of:

- *“householder application”* (essentially an application for the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse, or change of use to enlarge the curtilage of a dwelling house)
- *“householder appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a householder application, but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.
- *“minor commercial application”* (essentially relates to existing buildings of no more than 250 square metres gross external floor space at ground floor level, currently in use for any of the purposes set out in Schedule 1A to The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2015 which is an application for change of use from Class A1 to A2 or A3; or Class A2 to A3); or the carrying out of building or other operations to a shop front.
- *“minor commercial appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a minor commercial application but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.