

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012**

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

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DATE REGISTERED: 6 September 2023

APPLICATION NO: P2023/0659

LOCATION: Gnoll Estate Country Park, Fairyland, Neath, SA11 3BS

PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing visitor centre and construction of new 2 storey visitor centre including new balustrades, ~~sprinkler tank~~, external lighting of pedestrian routes from existing car park and associated landscaping and drainage works

The above description of development was amended by Non-Material Amendment application P2025/0641 on 07/10/2025.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development as described above to be carried out in accordance with the application and the plans submitted therewith, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

This decision notice is REVISION NUMBER 9 ISSUED ON 31/10/2025

Conditions:-

Time Limit Conditions

- 1 The development shall begin no later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

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

Proposed Site Plan: 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00201-S2-P6

~~Proposed Site Master Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00202-S2-P5~~

Proposed Site Master Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00202-S2-P6

~~Proposed Site Levels 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00204-S2-P1~~

Proposed Site Levels 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00204-S2-P2

~~Proposed Ground Floor Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-01310-S2-P8~~

Proposed Ground Floor Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-01310-S2-P9

Proposed First Floor Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-01320-S2-P7

Proposed Roof Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-01390-S2-P5

Proposed North Elevation 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-02420-S2-P5

Proposed South Elevation 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-02410-S2-P5

Proposed East Elevation 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-02430-S2-P5

Proposed West Elevation 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-02440-S2-P6

~~Proposed Section AA 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-03500-S2-P4~~

Proposed Section AA 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-03500-S2-P5

Proposed Section BB 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-03510-S2-P3

Proposed Lighting Plan: 2080-9007-MCP-E-DR-9000

Landscape Proposals: 2080-02-DLA-L-DR-1001-S2-P03

Vehicle tracking sheet 1 of 2: 2080-02-JUB-C-DR- 00900-S2- P1 Rev.P1

Vehicle tracking sheet 2 of 2: 2080-02-JUB-C-DR- 00901-S2- P1 Rev.P1

3D Axo View 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00910-S2-P1

Green Infrastructure Statement (February 2024)

GI Plan - Zone 02 Visitor Centre - 1207/R01C/DP/06.02.24

Revised Drainage Technical Note 2080-00-JUB-C-TN-00502-S2 Version P2
05/02/2024

~~Revised Drainage Layout 2080-02-JUB-C-DR-00500-S2 P10 Rev. P10~~

Drainage Layout 2080-02-JUB-C-DR-00500-S2-C4

~~Site Drainage Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00205-S2-P1~~

Site Drainage Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00205-S2-P5

Phase One Coal Mining Risk Assessment: ESP.8603.3901

Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints Report (updated August 2023)

Tree Survey Plan

Tree Removal Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00003-S2-P2

Proposed Tree Constraints Plan 2080-02-HIR-A-DR-00200-S2-P1

Bat Survey Report and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (August 2023)

Construction Environmental Management Plan (August 2023)

Ground Conditions Assessment Report (August 2023)

Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (June 2023)

Written Scheme of Investigation: Project No: FS22-070

Design and Access Statement (including Heritage Impact Assessment)

Project Context Statement

Gnoll Park PAC Report

Gnoll Park Planning Statement

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

THE ABOVE LIST OF APPROVED PLANS WAS UPDATED BY NMA APPLICATION P2025/0641 on 07/10/2025.

Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 3 Notwithstanding any other details which may be given in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan ('CEMP') hereby approved, no development shall commence, including any works of demolition, until an amended CEMP has first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The statement shall provide for:

- a) Construction methods: details of the extent and phasing of development; details for the storage and management of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- b) Drainage: Details of drainage measures during construction phases to ensure that the drainage of any adjoining land, and land downstream is not interrupted or otherwise adversely affected by the development. This should include drawings that highlight the methods to control surface water flows, and be site specific;
- c) General Site Management: details of the construction programme including timetable; details of site clearance; details for erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing;
- d) Responsible Persons: details of the persons and bodies responsible for activities associated with the CEMP and emergency contact details, the CEMP must also be signed by the responsible person;
- e) Traffic management: Internal traffic management scheme should be provided for once the materials are at site compound, and needing to be transported to the construction area. This is required to be discussed due to possible high volume of pedestrians within the park's grounds. The stipulated proposed delivery route is unacceptable and another route would need to be provided that uses Dyfed Road. The delivery times would need to be adjusted to ensure no deliveries during school pick up and drop off times - 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm;
- f) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during demolition and construction;
- g) Discharge points for wheel washing facilities; and
- h) If the provision of a temporary lagoon is required, e.g. for dewatering excavations and silt settlement, the CEMP should carefully consider any proposed discharge from the lagoon.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety, the environment, and the amenity of residents, and to ensure accordance with Policies BE1 and TR2 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED UNDER APPLICATION P2024/0306 ON 19/07/2024.

- 4 No construction work shall commence on site until an assessment of the nature and extent of contamination affecting the application site area has been submitted to and

approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This assessment must be carried out by or under the direction of a suitably qualified competent person in accordance with BS10175 (2011) 'Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites Code of Practice' and shall assess any contamination on the site, whether or not it originates on the site. The report of the findings shall include:

(i) an intrusive investigation to assess the extent, scale and nature of contamination which may be present, if identified and as required by the desk-top Ground Conditions Assessment Report (August 2023) hereby approved;

(ii) an assessment of the potential risks to:

- human health,
- groundwater and surface waters
- adjoining land,
- property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes,- ecological systems,
- archaeological sites and ancient monuments; and
- any other receptors identified at (i)

(iii) an appraisal of remedial options, and justification for the preferred remedial option(s).

Reason:

To ensure that information provided for the assessment of the risks from land contamination to the future users of the land, neighbouring land, controlled waters, property and ecological systems is sufficient to enable a proper assessment, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2024/0298 ON 06/06/2024.**

- 5 No development shall commence on site until a remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing any unacceptable risks to human health, buildings, other property and the natural and historic environment shall be prepared and submitted to and approved in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives, remediation criteria and site management procedures. The measures proposed within the remediation scheme shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed programme of works.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2024/0299 ON 17/07/2024**

- 6 No development shall take place until a scheme to enable the provision of gigabit capable broadband infrastructure from the site boundary to the building hereby

permitted has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason:

To support the roll-out of digital communications infrastructure across Wales in accordance with Policy 13 of Future Wales.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2024/0307 ON 09/07/2024.**

Action Conditions

- 7 The programme of work must be carried out fully in accordance with the requirements and standards of the Written Scheme of Investigation: Project No: FS22-070 hereby approved including the historic environment mitigation measures. The developer shall afford access at all reasonable times to any archaeologist nominated by the Local Planning Authority and shall allow him/her to observe the excavations and record items of interest and finds.

Reason:

To identify and record any features of archaeological interest discovered during the works, in order to mitigate the impact of the works on the archaeological resource and comply with Policy SP21 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 8 Prior to beneficial use of the proposed development commencing, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation works carried out in accordance with Condition 5 shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2025/0470 ON 19/08/2025.**

- 9 In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified, work on site shall cease immediately and shall be reported in writing to the Local Planning Authority. A Desk Study, Site Investigation, Risk Assessment and where necessary a Remediation Strategy must be undertaken in accordance with the following document:- Land Contamination: A Guide for Developers (WLGA, WAG & EAW, July 2006). This document shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Prior to occupation of the development, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other off site receptors, and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 10 Notwithstanding any other landscaping details which may be given in the application hereby approved, all soft landscaping planting species selections must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the Council's Ecologist prior to procurement.

All planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the buildings or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason:

In the interests of maintaining a suitable scheme of landscaping to protect the visual amenity of the area, to maintain the special qualities of the landscape and habitats through the protection, creation and enhancement of links between sites and their protection for amenity, landscape and biodiversity value, and to ensure the development complies with Policies SP15 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2025/0468 ON 22/07/2025.**

- 11 All works are to be carried out in line with section 2 Recommendations for Mitigation of the Bat Survey Report and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal August 2023 hereby approved. During demolition and construction works all excavation trenches should be covered overnight, or appropriate escape ramps provided, to prevent any wildlife becoming trapped inside.

Reason:

In the interest of biodiversity, and to accord with Policy SP15 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 12 The biodiversity enhancement(s) as set out in the Green Infrastructure Statement Plan - Zone 02 Visitor Centre -1207/R01C/DP/06.02.24 -hereby approved, shall be fully implemented on site in accordance with the approved details prior to the first beneficial use of the Visitor Centre and thereafter maintained in perpetuity.

Reason:

In the interest of biodiversity, and to mitigate to loss of bird nesting/foraging habitats and to accord with Policy 9 of Future Wales and Policy SP15 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 13 If any additional features within the tree to be felled, that could be used by bats (crack, crevices, gaps, loose bark etc) are identified during the works then the branches shall be section felled, lowered carefully and left on the ground for a minimum of 24 hours to allow any wildlife, such as bats, to escape if present.

Reason:

In the interests of ecology and biodiversity and as Bats are European protected species and are afforded protection under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), and to accord with Policy SP15 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 14 All works are to be carried out in line with the Tree Survey and Arboricultural Constraints Report (updated August 2023) hereby approved.
All the trees/hedges shown on the approved plans to be retained and/or any trees whose canopies overhang the site shall be protected by strong fencing which must be erected prior to the start of any works and all working practises followed in accordance with BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations' which must be followed throughout all phases of this development.

The protective fencing shall be erected before any equipment, machinery or materials are brought onto the site for the purposes of the development, and shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Nothing shall be stored or placed within any fenced area, and the ground levels within those areas shall not be altered, nor shall any excavation be made, without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure all existing trees are protected throughout the construction of the development, in the interest of visual amenity, and to ensure the development complies with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 15 Prior to the first use of the development hereby approved, a landscape management plan, including management responsibilities and maintenance, for all landscaped areas including the green roof(s) on the new Visitor Centre building, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The landscape management plan shall be implemented and adhered to in accordance with the approved details thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of visual amenity, to ensure the long-term management and maintenance of all landscaped areas and to ensure the development complies with Policies SP15 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

**DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED
UNDER APPLICATION P2025/0468 ON 22/07/2025.**

- 16 Prior to the first beneficial use of the development hereby approved a scheme indicating the positions, height, design, materials and type of screening to be erected around the ~~sprinkler tanks~~ plant/machinery shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved screening shall be completed,

as approved, prior the first beneficial use is of the new Visitor Centre and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure compliance with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

THE ABOVE CONDITION WAS AMENDED BY NMA APPLICATION P2025/0641 on 07/10/2025.

DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED UNDER APPLICATION P2025/0719 ON 31/10/2025.

- 17 The development shall not be occupied until facilities for the secure storage of cycles have been provided in accordance with details which shall first have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and such facilities shall thereafter be retained as approved at all times.

Reason:

In the interest of highway safety and to ensure the development complies with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION WERE DISCHARGED UNDER APPLICATION P2024/0404 ON 19/08/2024.

- 18 The development hereby approved shall be connected to the mains sewerage system prior to the first beneficial use of the Visitor Centre unless an alternative foul water drainage scheme for the development has first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such a scheme shall provide for the disposal of foul water flows and thereafter implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to the occupation of the development, and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of satisfactory drainage of the site, to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors, to ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment, and ensure the development complies with Policy SP16 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Informatives:

1 The archaeological work must be undertaken to the appropriate Standard and Guidance set by the Chartered Institute of Archaeologists (CIFA), and it is recommended that it is carried out either by CIFA Organisation or an accredited Member.

2 The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848.

Further information is also available on the Coal Authority website at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

3 Trees, scrub and grasslands are likely to contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st July inclusive. Such habitats are present on the application site and area to be

assumed to contain nesting birds between the above dates, unless a recent survey has been undertaken by a competent ecologist to assess the nesting bird activity on site during this period and has shown it is absolutely certain that nesting birds are not present.

4 All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK and European legislation. If works are planned on a trees 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. 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:-5th Floor, Quadrant House, 250 Kennington Lane, London, SE11 5DR, 0345 1300228 Where bats or their roosts are present, no works shall take place unless a licence to disturb these species and/or their roosts has been granted in accordance with the relevant legislation. It is recommended that vegetation clearance and tree work should avoid the bird breeding season 1st March to 31st July inclusive in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

5 Applicants wishing to operate a private sewerage system will need either to apply to NRW for an environmental permit or register with NRW for an exemption from the permit requirement. Septic tanks and small sewage treatment works that meet certain criteria may be registered as exempt. A step-by-step guide to registering an exemption can be found on NRW's website. If the septic tank or private sewage treatment system is not eligible for an exemption, the Applicant will need to apply for an environmental permit. Should a permit be required further information may be needed as part of that application process. The Applicant is therefore advised to contact NRW for pre-application advice at the earliest opportunity to try to ensure that there is no conflict between any planning permission granted and the permit requirements. It is important to note that a grant of planning permission does not guarantee that a permit will be granted. A proposal may be deemed unacceptable either because of environmental risk or because upon further investigation, a connection to mains sewer was feasible. Applicants are encouraged to ensure they have all the required permissions, consents, permits and any other approvals in place prior to commencement of works on the site. Where private sewage treatment/disposal facilities are used, they must be installed and maintained in accordance with British Standard 6297 and Approved Document H of the Building Regulations. We also refer the Applicant to Guidance for Pollution Prevention 4 on the Net Regs website, which provides further information.

6 Please note that SAB approval will be required prior to any work commencing. It is a breach of approval required under Paragraph 7 (1) Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 whereby action will be taken by the Authority under The Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) (Wales) Order 2018.

7 Every effort should be made to re-purpose the existing solar panels on the Visitor Centre, which were gifted as a legacy to the community by a generous doner(s).

The decision to recommend planning permission has been taken in accordance with Section 38 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which requires that, in determining a planning application the determination must be in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan comprises Future Wales - the National Plan 2040 and the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan (2011-2026) adopted January 2016.

It is considered that the proposal represents an appropriate form of development that would have no unacceptable impact on heritage assets, the visual amenity of the area, ecology, ground stability, highways and drainage considerations. Accordingly, the proposed development is in accordance with Policies T01, EN3, EN6, EN7, EN8, TR2 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

It is further considered that the decision complies with Future Wales - the National Plan 2040 and the Council's well-being objectives and the sustainable development principle in accordance with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Signed: 

Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 21 March 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.