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Head of Planning
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7th July 2026

Dear Sir

Re: Request for Screening opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 for a proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme
Cryddan Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme Melyn Neath
Pl.App.No.: P2026/0426

Thank you for consulting us regarding this screening request.

We do not have the legal expertise to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Assessment is required; however, there are archaeological and cultural heritage issues which need to be addressed in order to determine the impact of the proposals on the historic environment.

We have consulted the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and note the submission of a 'Built Heritage and Archaeology Technical Note' by WSP (dated March 2026). As the documentation states, there is the potential for archaeological remains to be present in the proposed development area, including a Roman road (RR60c-06), the Neath Canal and Neath Branch Line, as well as currently unknown structures/features and paleoenvironmental deposits. Accordingly, it is proposed to prepare a 'Heritage Statement and Archaeological Desk-based Assessment' for submission with the application. The exact scope and methodology would need to be set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) agreed with ourselves.

Such an approach is appropriate and consistent with both Planning Policy Wales and TAN 24.

Specifically, Planning Policy Wales 2024 (Edition 12) Section 6.1.26 states that "Where archaeological remains are known to exist or there is a potential for them to survive, an application should be accompanied by sufficient information, through desk-based assessment and/or field evaluation, to allow a full understanding of the impact of the proposal on the significance of the remains" More detail on this guidance can be found in TAN24 sections 4.7 and 4.8.

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In our opinion, the requisite information could be presented as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment, or as a separate archaeological desk-based assessment. It is our policy to recommend that all archaeological work is either carried out by a Registered Organisation (RO) with CIfA, or by a full Member (MCIfA) of CIfA.

It should also be noted that it is possible that further archaeological work will be required to be undertaken pre/post the determination of any planning application if significant archaeological features are identified during the compilation of the desk-based study.

If you have any questions or require further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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