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Head of Planning
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4th August 2026

Dear Sir

Re: Renovation and Change of Use of Jerusalem Chapel to Residential Accommodation (C3) with small additional extensions to side annexe plus new parking arrangement: Jerusalem Chapel, Station Road, Pontrhydyfen. Pl.App.No.: P2026/0454.

Thank you for notifying us of this application; consequently, we have reviewed the detailed information contained on your website.

You may recall our responses to the earlier applications for conversion to residential (P2017/0855 and P2017/0889) in our letters of December 2017. In these we noted that the information in the Historic Environment Record, curated by this Trust, shows the chapel is Grade II Listed (Cadw reference 22889) and dates from 1876, replacing two earlier buildings of 1826 and 1845. The Listing description details the external aspects of the building; however the interior was not accessible. For that reason, we recommended a Level 3 Building recording to be undertaken in order that the interior of the building could be appropriately recorded to current professional standards prior to change. We also noted the submission of supporting documentation including the HIA and some photographs of the interior.

It appears that a condition was not attached, as the recording has not been undertaken, and the changes to the building have been largely undertaken. The original interior, form and mass have been lost, although some elements have been retained. Again, some photographs have been submitted, but have no measured scale or directional plan, and no written supporting element.

As a result, as the changes have taken place, we make no further recommendation for mitigation, and as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objection to the positive determination of this application. If you have any questions or require further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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