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Summary Description

Reference Number	Building Number	Grade	Status	Date of Designation	Date of Amendment
23079		II	Designated	29/03/2000	
Name of Property		Address			
Seion Fforest Calvinistic Methodist Chapel					

Location

Unitary Authority	Community	Town	Locality	Easting	Northing
Neath Port Talbot	Blaenhonddan	Neath	Aberdulais	277381	199658
Street Side	Location				
	Situated facing S on the N side of the valley of the Afon Nedd, some 50m N of the junction of Forest Hill and the A465.				

Description

Broad Class

Religious, Ritual and Funerary

Period**History**

Calvinistic Methodist Chapel of 1860, rebuilding of a chapel of 1839. Railings outside of early C20 suggest some alteration then, presumably to glazing. The chapel is associated with the Rev William Davies 1727-97, noted Methodist preacher and hymnodist.

Exterior

Chapel, coursed rock-faced sandstone in narrow courses with flush sandstone dressings and C20 concrete tiles to roof. Long-wall front of 2 arched centre lights, 2 upper arched gallery lights and 2 doors in gabled porches, set between inner and outer windows. All windows are long, with stone voussoirs, rusticated jambs and stone sills. Late C19 leaded glazing and unusual timber 2-light tracery, the bars intersecting ogee in heads, Plaque above and between centre windows. Porches are gabled with stone voussoirs to entrance arches. Inset doors. Raised plinth. Left end wall has 2-storey, 2-window range of 16-pane horned sash windows and paired brackets to overhanging gable verges. Two-storey, 2-window rough rubble stone rear wall with 16-pane sashes and stone voussoirs. Right end has single-storey vestry with sash windows to gable wall above vestry.

Interior

Three-sided gallery on 5 iron columns, painted front with curved angles, deep cornice and paired brackets. Brackets are under arch-panelled pilasters that separate long horizontal panels. Moulded top rail. Painted grained box pews to side and rear, raked up under galleries. Pine pews to centre block with shaped bench ends, and similar 3-sided set fawr. Broad platform in centre of entrance wall between 2 lobbies, solid pulpit front with serpentine balustrades each side curving back to balustraded stairs with ramped rails and slim turned newels. Frontal is panelled with inset bulbous columns at angles. Panelled back wall to platform. Various marble plaques including one of 1907 to the Rev William Davies of Neath, 1727-87, pioneer of Methodism in the area. Galleries have painted grained panel-backed pews and panelled dado. Ceiling has plain cornice and centre rose with acanthus and laurel rim. Vestry has boarded roof with iron ties.

Reason for designation

Included as a well-designed and well-preserved long-wall chapel of 1860, built during the period of the Great Revival. Historical association with William Davies, preacher and hymnodist.

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Reference Number	Building Number	Grade	Status	Date of Designation	Date of Amendment
23089		II	Designated	29/03/2000	
Name of Property		Address			
Railings at Seion Fforest Calvinistic Methodist Chapel					

Location

Unitary Authority	Community	Town	Locality	Easting	Northing
Neath Port Talbot	Blaenhonddan	Neath	Aberdulais	277369	199648
Street Side	Location				
E	Chapel facing S on the N side of the valley of the Afon Nedd, some 50m N of the junction of Forest Hill and the A465. Railings on roadside and to S of chapel.				

Description

Broad Class

Religious, Ritual and Funerary

Period**History**

Late C19 or early C20 iron railings in front of chapel of 1860. Posts marked E.T. Raybould & Son, Workington, older rails on rubble stone wall on roadside.

Exterior

Along roadside shorter length of low iron railings on rockfaced stone walls. Two brick cross-gabled entrance piers with iron posts and plain gates. Along chapel front terrace are taller railings with alternate trilobe finials, the railings in sections bolted between 13 Corinthian column posts with urn finials.

Interior**Reason for designation**

Included for group value with Capel Seion Fforest.