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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Application – Proposed replacement children’s play area,
Tredegar House, Pencarn Way, Duffryn, Newport**

Thank you for your letter of 24 July inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the registered historic park and garden listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw’s role in planning are set out in Annex A.

Assessment

Registered Park and Garden

PGW(Gt)48(NPT) Tredegar Park

This planning application seeks to remove the existing structures in the children’s play area at Tredegar Park and replace them with natural play equipment. The proposal is located within the grade II* registered historic park and garden at Tredegar Park registered for the survival of parts of a grand late seventeenth-century layout, including garden walls, gate screen, inorganic parterres and avenue.

The application is supported by an HIA (v2) by Hughes Architects, which includes an assessment of the impact of the proposals on the registered historic park and garden. The proposed replacement play structures will be within the same footprint as the existing playground. The existing play equipment is brightly coloured metal and not in keeping with its surroundings.



The natural materials proposed for the replacement play structures are sensitive to the registered park and garden setting and therefore will be an improvement. The HIA states that the proposed play equipment will be of similar height to the existing structures to ensure it remains appropriate in scale.

The HIA refers to a 'sculpture' several times throughout the document. We assume this refers to a previous planning application, but this needs clarification and if a sculpture is also proposed, Cadw should be re-consulted on the details.

To conclude, although the proposed play equipment will be visible from some areas of the registered park, it does not fall within any important views across the park, including the significant view along the oak avenue from the northwest front of the house. The natural materials proposed are an improvement to the existing red and yellow metal structures and are likely to have far less visual impact, particularly when seen against the background of trees. We have no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Cooper
Historic Environment Branch

Annex A

Our role

Our statutory role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPW [Planning Policy Wales - Edition 12 \(gov.wales\)](#) explains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

[Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on a



registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.