

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/0561

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

SITE: Tredegar House Pencarn Way Duffryn Newport NP10 8TH

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

This application seeks consent for the removal of the existing play equipment and the installation of a new children's play area within the same footprint in the parkland at Tredegar House.

From the DAS by Hughes Architects 'The setting is semi-enclosed by mature trees and hedging which provide a sense of containment, whilst allowing filtered views across the gardens. The play area sits outside the formal axial alignment of the house and does not intrude on the principal sightlines from or towards the mansion.'

A Heritage Impact Assessment by Hughes Architects is also submitted. While I have no reason to disagree, there is no photographic evidence provided to confirm the existing views or to evidence that any change in the view would be acceptable given the setting. As the HIA acknowledges:

- The play park will not be visible from Tredegar House but may impact slightly on views of the house from the park.
- The play park will be visible in the distance from The Stable Block and may impact on some views of the stable block from the parkland.
- The sculpture may impact slightly on views of the house from the Gate Lodges.

I would recommend that photos to illustrate the existing views are submitted with the play area very simply highlighted to evidence the conclusions.

The tree survey covers hazard assessment for two nearby oaks, however as the trees are not accurately located on the submitted site plan and there is no defined root protection area, any impact from the proposals is difficult to assess. For example the concrete footings will be relatively substantial for 4-5m high structures and it is not clear whether a replacement surfacing is required (fall distances may require this). A tree survey to BS5837 is likely to be required – please refer to the Tree Officer for comments.