

Aldous, Catherine (Senior Planning Officer)

From: Arnall, Guy
Sent: 20 October 2025 11:48
To: Aldous, Catherine (Senior Planning Officer)
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0792 (Bridge Over Ebbw River Forge Mews Bassaleg Newport NP10 8NE) (FULL)

Hi Catherine

Re: DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BASSALEG BRIDGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE STRUCTURE ACROSS THE EBBW RIVER TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO FORGE MEWS FROM VIADUCT WAY

Bassaleg Bridge is an unlisted reinforced concrete structure built in the 1940's and carries a two-way single lane carriageway that connects Caerphilly Road to a small residential development known as Forge Mews. It is a double-span bridge of elliptical arch form with cast-concrete balustrading.

Its western end is located some 100m to the south-east of the Grade II Listed church of St Basil (who's separately listed boundary wall and lychgate is set considerably closer at it sweeps the corner of Caerphilly Road and Station Approach).

To the north, the GII* listed Railway viaduct built in 1826 for the Rumney Railway Co. also spans the river.

Setting Impacts

Principal near views of the viaduct to the north are obtainable from Viaduct Way (and the adjacent footway) as one passes directly underneath.

The full span/elevation of the asset may be best appreciated from the existing long-range view from Bassaleg Bridge, as one passes over and looks north up the river - though this has already been somewhat compromised by the development of houses to the northern end of Forge Mews, which obstruct views of its eastern end. As such, any significant increase in the height of the parapets to the new bridge will potentially impact upon this key view, resulting in cumulative harm. This will need to be balanced against the planning benefits of the proposed works.

Due to the recessed nature of the existing and proposed Bassaleg Bridge (set principally within the deep river channel), it is not considered that the new will impact unduly upon views from the GII Listed church or its curtilage. The existing bridge also offers a fine long-range view of the church from the east; with its glimpsed view of the principal building through mature trees set within its wide curtilage and surrounded by its ornate boundary wall. As such, any significant increase in the height of the parapets to the new bridge will also have potential to impact upon this view, resulting in some cumulative harm. This will also need to be balanced against the planning benefits of the proposed works

Many thanks,

Guy Arnall

Prif Swyddog Treftadaeth / Principal Heritage Officer Swyddog Dirprwyedig (Adeiladau Rhestredig) / Delegated Officer (Listed Buildings)

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-----Original Message-----

From: planning@newport.gov.uk <planning@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 October 2025 09:39

To: Arnall, Guy <Guy.Arnall@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0792

Dear Principal Heritage Officer

Please find attached correspondence from Newport Council with regards to planning application:

App Number: 25/0792

Address: Bridge Over Ebbw River Forge Mews Bassaleg Newport NP10 8NE

Proposal: DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BASSALEG BRIDGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE STRUCTURE ACROSS THE EBBW RIVER TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO FORGE MEWS FROM VIADUCT WAY

submitted on 24 September 2025.

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Your sincerely
Development Management