

Parc Llangewydd Land at West Bridgend

Written Scheme
of Investigation
for an
Archaeology and
Heritage
Assessment

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## Section 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) has been prepared by the Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd (EDP) for the consideration of the Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT). The WSI defines a desk-based assessment (DBA) for a 36.85 hectare (ha) area of Parc Llangewydd, Land at West Bridgend, hereafter referred to as 'the site'.
- 1.2 The purpose of the DBA is to identify the site's 'in principle' suitability for development and thus inform its potential for inclusion as a candidate site for allocation within the emerging Local Development Plan for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).
- 1.3 The DBA will assess: (1) whether the site contains any built historic assets, archaeological sites, features, deposits and/or remains of such significance that its development would contravene the guidance from the Welsh Government in *Planning Policy Wales Tenth Edition* (2018); and (2) whether it contributes to the setting of historic assets in its surroundings in a way that their significance would be either eliminated or diminished as a consequence of its development.
- 1.4 The assessment will address the requirements of the relevant policies contained within Planning Policy Wales Tenth Edition, which was published in December 2018 (PPW 2018) and local policies within Bridgend Local Development Plan (adopted September 2013).
- 1.5 The assessment will also conform to additional guidance for archaeological assessment in Wales which is set out in *Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment* (TAN24, Welsh Government 2017) and Setting of Historic Assets in Wales (Cadw 2017).

#### **Site Description**

- 1.6 The Site is located to the north of the A473, on the western edge of Bryntirion. It comprises a series of rectangular agricultural fields under arable management, one large area of scrubland on its eastern edge, and an area of woodland at its northern edge.
- 1.7 The Site is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 288127 180162 and has an area of approximately 36.85ha. It is relatively flat, being 60m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) at its lowest point in the south, and 80m aOD at the highest point at the north-east end of the site. Its location is shown on **Plan EDP 1**.
- 1.8 The bedrock geology is limestone and mudstone of the Mary's Well Bay Member (www.bgs.ac.uk).

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## Section 2 Methodology

- 2.1 The report will be produced in accordance with the Standard and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment, issued by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA, 2014, updated 2017). These guidelines provide a national standard for the completion of desk-based assessments.
- 2.2 The assessment will involve the consultation of readily available archaeological and historical information from documentary, cartographic and aerial photographic sources. The study area to be adopted will be a 1km buffer around the site boundary. This is shown by **Plan EDP 1**, which also shows the distribution of known historic assets within the 1km study area. The principal repositories of information will comprise:
  - Known archaeological sites, monuments and findspots from the Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Historic Environment Record (GGAT HER);
  - The National Monuments Record of Wales (NMRW);
  - Cadw's Historic Environment Service, for information on designated historic assets;
  - Historic maps held by the Glamorgan Archives or derived from online sources;
  - Aerial photographs held by the Central Register of Aerial Photography for Wales (CRAPW) at Cardiff;
  - Environment Agency LiDAR datasets, available at suitable resolution (0.5m DSM);
  - Relevant books, articles and previous assessment reports relating to the site and/or its environs; and
  - A site walkover and visit to the site's environs, the latter to consider the question of setting.
- 2.3 The site walkover will consider the nature and significance of known and/or potential archaeological assets within the site, identify visible historic features and assess possible factors which may affect the survival or condition of known or potential assets. The site walkover will also inform the assessment of the contribution made by the land within the site to the settings of historic assets situated within its Zone of Influence (ZoI).
- 2.4 The report will consider the nature and significance of any effects arising beyond the boundary of the site; i.e. through potential changes to the settings of historic assets, as defined in TAN24 at Paragraphs 1.23 to 1.29. All designated historic assets within the general locality of the site will be assessed to gauge the potential for an indirect effect on their significance through change to their settings, from the proposed development of the

site. If appropriate, certain non-designated assets will also be included. The assessment of effects on the settings of assets will focus on the site's immediate environs, although consideration will be given to more distant assets if, following a visit to the site, the site's topographic situation dictates that its ZoI is potentially more extensive.

- 2.5 The report will conclude with; (1) an assessment of the site's likely archaeological potential, and (2) an assessment of the likely effects of the proposed development upon designated assets, whether direct or indirect. With regard to (2) above, the assessment process will be undertaken with reference to the Cadw guidance Setting of Historic Assets in Wales (Cadw, 2017).
- 2.6 The scope of any separate Heritage Impact Assessment for listed buildings and conservation areas will be dealt with separately, following advice from the Bridgend Council Conservation Officer.

## Section 3 Report Content

- 3.1 The report structure will differ dependent on the findings of the research, the needs of the project, and the stage within the planning process. The report will, as a minimum, contain the following sections.
  - Non-technical summary, including a translation of the summary into Welsh;
  - Introduction;
  - Context of Project;
  - Site Location and Description;
  - Geological and Topographical description;
  - Aims and purpose of the assessment;
  - Methodology;
  - Baseline archaeological and heritage information presented as a period based archaeological and historical background, consisting of:
    - Designated heritage assets;
    - Non-designated heritage assets;
    - Historic map regression;
    - A review of Lidar data;
    - Aerial photographic evidence; and
    - Site walkover.
  - Assessment of the potential for archaeological remains within the site;
  - Assessment of the potential physical impact of the proposed development on the significance of archaeological remains within the site;
  - Assessment of the potential effect on the significance of heritage assets through change to their settings;
  - Conclusions;

- Supporting illustrations;
- Supporting data in appendices, where applicable; and
- References.
- 3.2 The report will be submitted to GGAT for approval. Following approval, subject to there being no issues of commercial confidentiality, it will be submitted to the GGAT HER, with a digital copy submitted to the National Monuments Record (RCAHMW). With regards to archiving, as well as the relevant ClfA guidance, the *National Standard and Guidance to Best Practice for Collecting and Depositing Archaeological Archives in Wales* will be followed (National Panel for Archaeological Archives in Wales, 2017).
- 3.3 Should new data be generated (e.g. on previously unknown sites, or additional or updated information on known historic assets) these will be provided to the HER. The data will conform with the requirements of the *Guidance for the Submission of Data to the Welsh Historic Environment Records (HERs)* (Welsh Archaeological Trusts and Cadw, 2018).

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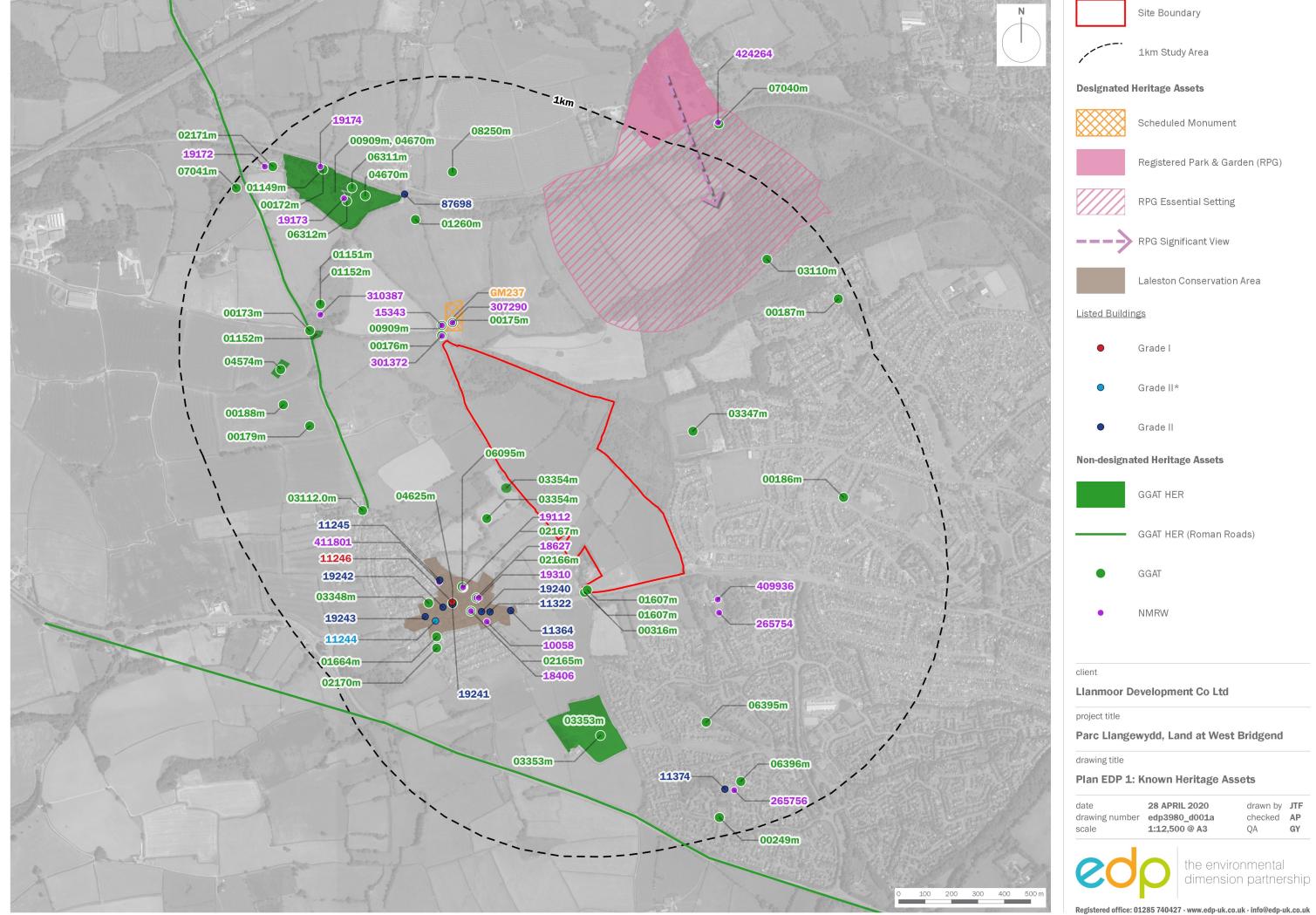
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