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WELSH HISTORIC GARDENS TRUST

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Re: CONSULTATION - HOUSEHOLDER - App ref P/2016/0227

Whitehurst Gardens Grade II*

The Cadw/ICOMOS Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales

Thank you for consulting with the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust on App ref P/2016/0227

WHGT is aware that over the years a number of the Black Park Colliery miners cottages on the listed Whitehurst site have been improved and enlarged with extensions. It is important that these buildings are well maintained on this important heritage site.

Whitehurst Gardens originate from the mid seventeenth century and it is important that all house-holders on the site are aware that their homes are sited in a very rare and special historic landscape.

Since 2013 WHGT have been working with WCBC and Conservation Officer Anna Irwin to try and conserve this landscape much of which has been neglected for many years and now lies derelict and at risk of further serious disrepair.

In the autumn of 2014 a local Friends Group was formed and they have now successfully secured funding for initial surveys to inform a HLF bid for the restoration of this landscape for community benefit.

WHGT is aware that new build is often controversial on a Grade II* site. However, provided this development within the curtilage of a dwelling house is sensitive to the historic environment and is constructed of suitable materials so that it is not prominent in the landscape it should not have adverse impacts on the wider garden landscape.

With the development controls appropriate to the listing of this site properly applied, WHGT has no objection to this planning application.

Yours sincerely
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