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**PWYLLGOR CYSWLLT A CHYNLLUNIO**

A gynhelir yn Siambr y Cyngor Ddydd Llun, 5 Mehefin, 2017 am 4.45 y.h.

  
CLERC y CYNGOR

31 Mai, 2017

**AGENDA ATODOL**

5. Cyn Cyflwyno Cais Statudol - Gloddfa Arwyneb Glo Caled Carnawllon Fawr-Cloddio Arwyneb Glo Caled gydag Adferiad i Goetir, Pyllau a Gwlypdiroedd gyda gwell Mynediad Cyhoeddus - Tir yn Carnawllon Fawr, Ponthenri, Llanelli - i dderbyn gohebiaeth gan Cyngor Sir Gaerfyrddin ac ac i gytuno ar ymateb y Cyngor.

**Aelodau'r Pwyllgor:**

**Cyng:** S. M. Caiach (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor), A. J. Rogers (Is-Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor), H. J. Evans, (Cadeirydd y Cyngor), T. Devichand (Arweinydd y Cyngor), M. V. Davies, S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones, R. L. Najmi, J. S. Randall a E Simmons.



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**PLANNING AND LIAISON COMMITTEE**

To be held at the Council Chamber on Monday, 5 June, 2017 at 4.45 p.m.

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CLERK to the COUNCIL

31 May, 2017

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

5. Pre-Application Statutory – Carnawllon Fawr Surface Anthracite Mine – Surface Mining of Anthracite with Restoration to Woodland, Ponds and Wetlands with improved Public Access – Land at Carnawllon Fawr, Pontenri, Llanelli – to receive correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council and agree the Council's response.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Cllrs.** S. M. Caiach, (Chairman of Committee), A. J. Rogers (Vice-Chairman of Committee), H. J. Evans, (Chairman of Council), T. Devichand (Leader of Council), M. V. Davies, S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones, R. L. Najmi, J. S. Randall and E Simmons.



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**Planning Services**

Civic Offices, Crescent Road, Llandeilo, SA19 6HW

24 May 2017

CLERK - MR MARK GALBRAITH  
LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL  
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LLANELLI RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
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**CAIS CYNLLUNIO - YMGYNGHORI****PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

<i>Rhif y Cais</i> / Application Number	<b>PA/15428</b>
<i>Swyddog Cais</i> / Case Officer	Tom Boothroyd - 01558 825369
<i>Math o Gais</i> / Application Type	Pre-Application Statutory
<i>Datblygiad Arfaethedig</i> / Proposed Development	CARNAWLLON FAWR SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE. SURFACE MINING OF ANTHRACITE WITH RESTORATION TO WOODLAND, PONDS AND WETLANDS WITH IMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS
<i>Lleoliad</i> / Location	LAND AT CARNAWLLON FAWR, PONTHENRI, LLANELLI, SA15 5PF
<i>Ymgeisydd/Ymgeiswyr</i> / Applicant(s)	DRAETH DEVELOPMENTS
<i>Cyfeirnod Grid</i> / Grid Reference	249008-209950
<i>Tref a Chymuned</i> / Town and Community	Llanelli Rural

Os ydych yn ateb ar **e-bost**, anfonwch eich ymateb i'r cyfeiriad canlynol os gwelwch yn dda:

[ymgyngoriadaucynllunio@sirgar.gov.uk](mailto:ymgyngoriadaucynllunio@sirgar.gov.uk)

A fydddech cystal â chyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau ar y cais hwn o fewn **21** diwrnod.

Manylion y cais, cynlluniau, hanes y safle perthnasol, gall cynnydd a'r canlyniad i'w gweld ar-lein yn: [www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ceisiadaucynllunio](http://www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ceisiadaucynllunio)

**Sylwch** os byddwch yn cyflwyno sylwadau ar y datblygiad arfaethedig, y bydd y wybodaeth hon ar gael i'r cyhoedd ar-lein.

If replying by **email**, could you send your response to:

[planningconsultations@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningconsultations@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

Please submit any comments on this application within **21** days.

Application details, plans, relevant site history, progress and outcome can be viewed on-line at: [www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/planningapplications](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/planningapplications)

**Please note** that if you do comment on the proposed development, this information will be publicly available online.

*Yn gywir / Yours faithfully*

*Julian Edwards*

**Rheolwr Datblygu / Development Manager**



# Statutory pre-application advice enquiry form



Please complete this form with as much information as possible.

If you require any further information regarding the statutory pre-application service or how to complete this form, please contact us.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact	2. Agent Name, Address and Contact
Name: <input type="text" value="Braeth Developments"/>	Name: <input type="text" value="Mr. B. Corrigan"/>
Address: <input type="text" value="200 Strand"/> <input type="text" value="London"/> <input type="text"/>	Address: <input type="text" value="26A Old Awt"/> <input type="text" value="Durham"/> <input type="text"/>
Postcode: <input type="text" value="WC2R 1BJ"/>	Postcode: <input type="text" value="DH1 3HD"/>
Telephone number: <input type="text"/>	Telephone number: <input type="text" value="0191 3866392"/>
Mobile number: <input type="text"/>	Mobile number: <input type="text" value="07584994619"/>
E-mail address: <input type="text"/>	E-mail address: <input type="text" value="bc@atlanticcarbon.com"/>

3. Description of the Proposal
<input type="text" value="Carnawllan Fawr Surface Anthracite Mine. Surface mining of anthracite with restoration to woodland, ponds and wetlands with improved public access."/>
Total number of new units: <input type="text" value="N/A"/> <small>(if applicable)</small>
Increase in floorspace (m <sup>2</sup> ): <input type="text" value="N/A"/>

<p><b>4. Site Address (if different to applicant address)</b></p> <p>Address: <input type="text" value="Carnawllon Fair"/>  <input type="text" value="Pontnewry"/>  <input type="text" value="Llandell"/>  <input type="text"/></p> <p>Postcode: <input type="text" value="SA15 5FF"/></p>	<p><b>5. Location Plan</b></p> <p>Please check the box below to confirm you have submitted a plan which identifies the land to which this application relates, drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North.</p> <p>I have attached a location plan that meets the requirements outlined above: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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**6. Additional Information**

To help ensure your local planning authority can provide the best possible response to your pre-application enquiry, you are encouraged to submit as much additional information as possible to accompany this form. Please list any additional information you are submitting below (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

<input type="text" value="Pre-application Statement"/>	<input type="text" value="Draft Contents and Drawings List"/>
<input type="text" value="Drawings as below"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text" value="CF2 Planning Application Form"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text" value="CF7 Site Layout"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text" value="CF8.1-4 Phasing Plans"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text" value="CF9 Cross Sections"/>	<input type="text"/>

**7. Fee:**

I confirm that the correct fee has been included with this enquiry form:

If you are unsure of the correct fee you are required to submit, please see the fee schedule which can be found on the local planning authority's website.

<p>8. Signed (applicant or agent):</p> <p><small>(Type name if completing it)</small></p>	<p>Date (DD/MM/YYYY):</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">16/05/2017</p>
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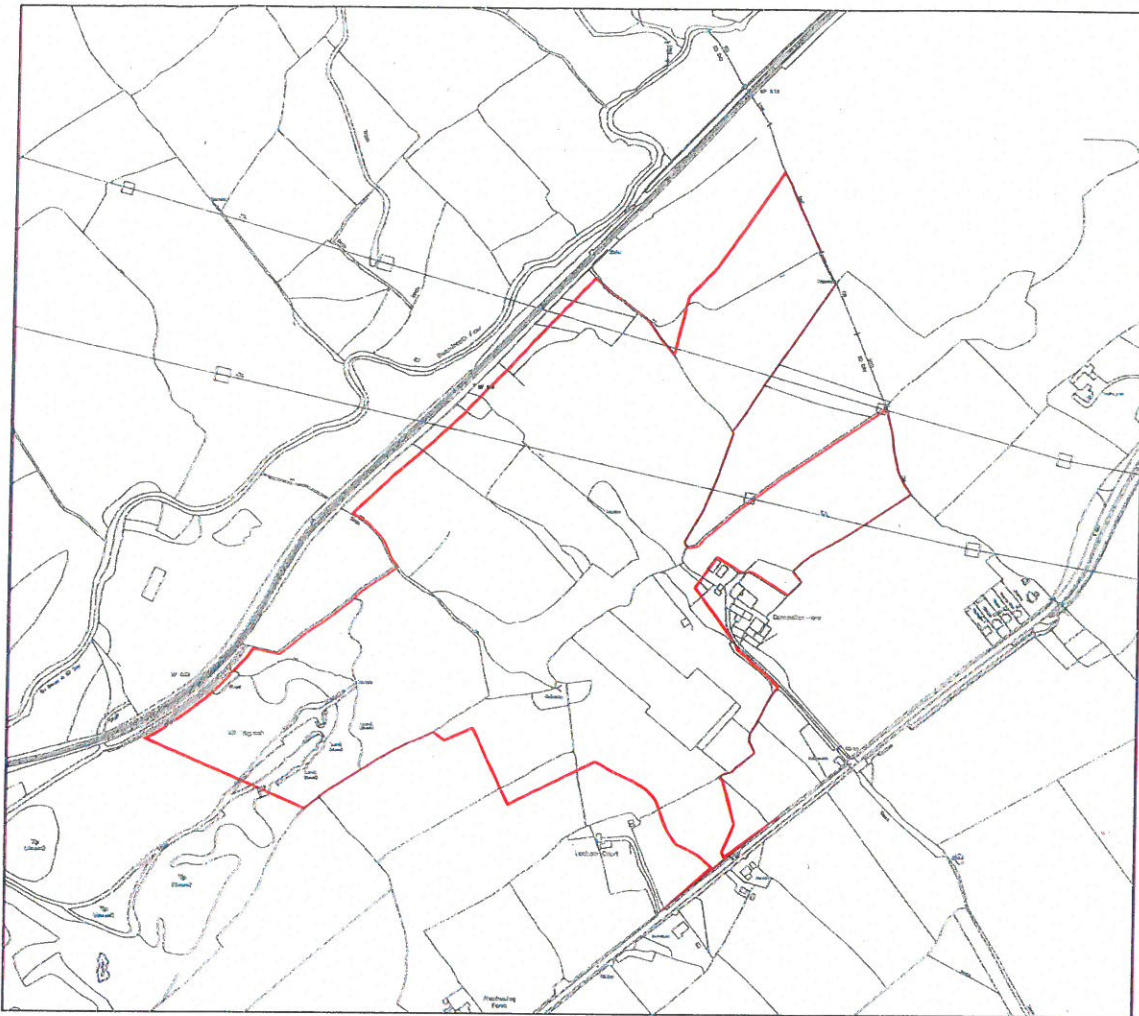
**9. Contact Information:**

Please return the completed form together with additional information to:-

Email: [planningregistrations@ccarmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningregistrations@ccarmarthenshire.gov.uk)

Post: Planning Services, Civic Offices, Crescent Road, Llandello, SA19 6HW





**Legend**

Site Boundary

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**Site:** CARNALLON FARM SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE

**Title:** Planning Application Boundary

**Dep. No.:** CF-2

**Scale:** 1:2500

**Contract No.:** 20080517

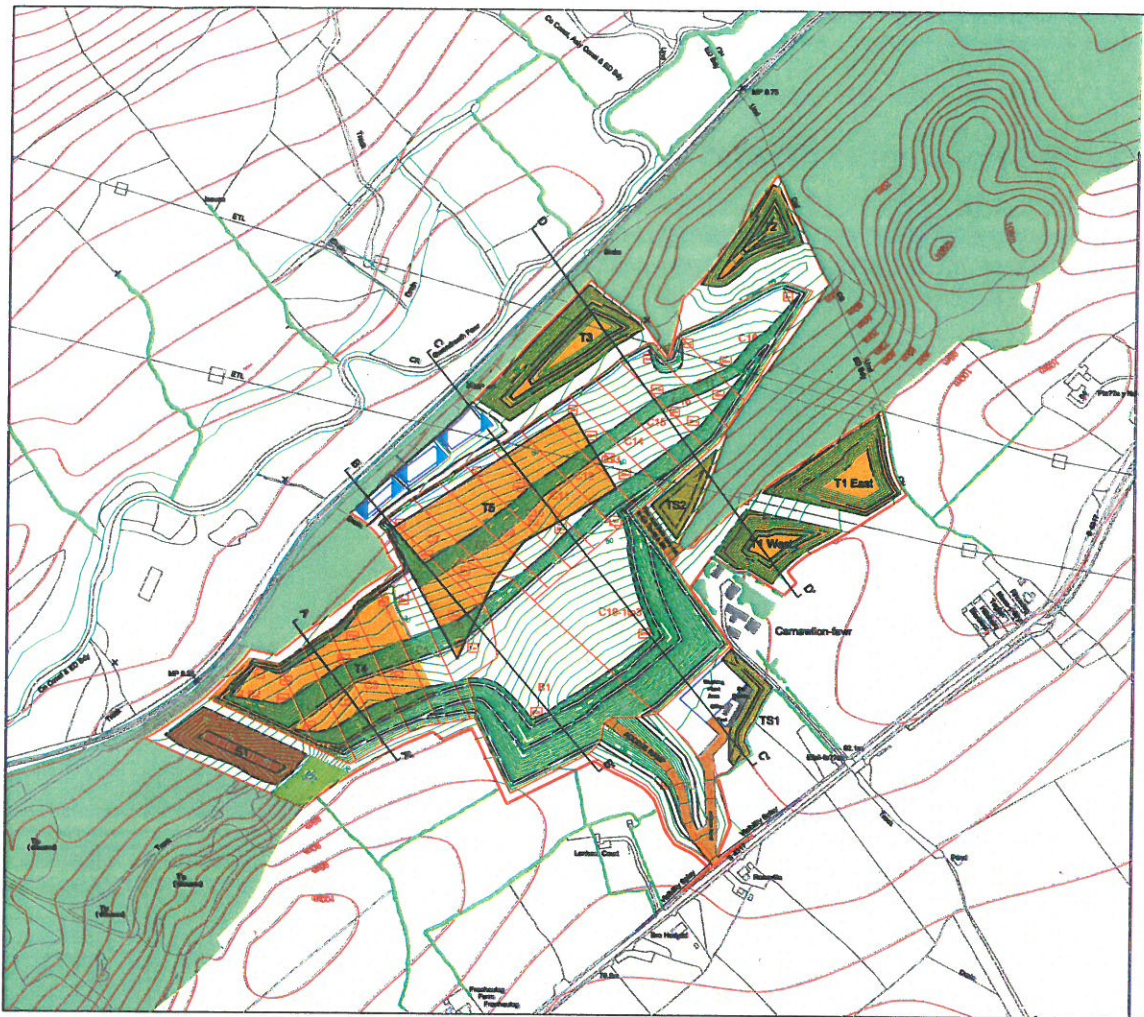
**Date:** 2008/05/17

**Client:** South Devon Minerals Limited

**Drawn by:** JEP

**App. No.:** 02

Plan on A1 at 1 to 5000



**Legend**

- Site Boundary
- Excavation & Coal Extraction Area
- Lagoons
- Overburden Tip
- Soil Making Tip
- Topsoil Tip/Overrun Mound
- Reclamation Area
- Retained Woodland
- Retained Hedges
- Depth to Base of Excavation

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Site: **CARNALLON-FAWR SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE**

Map: **Site Layout / working Method**

Dep. No: **CF-7**

Scale: **1:2500**

Contract No: **2014/017**

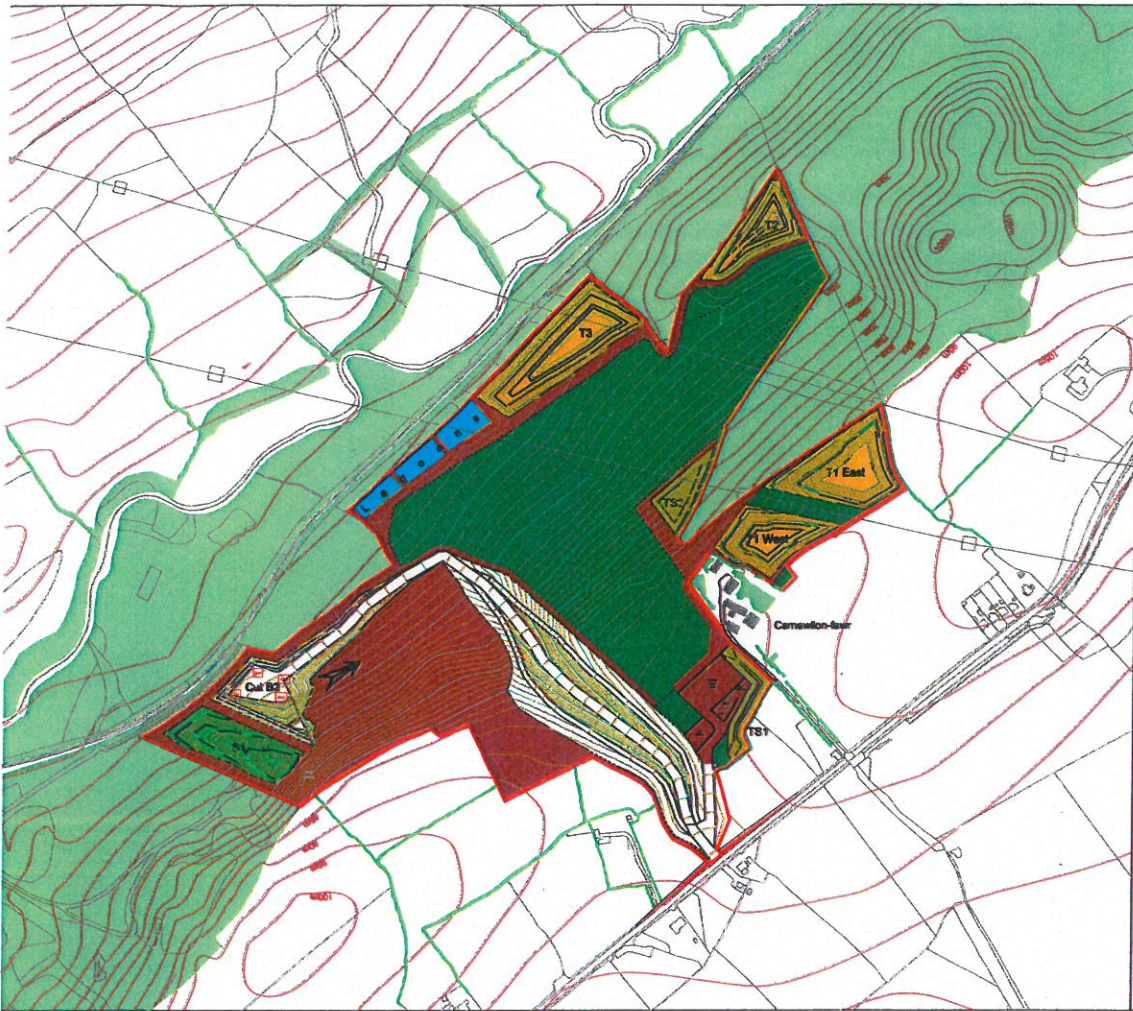
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Client: **Coal Development Limited**

Drawn by: **MP**

Rev. No: **01**

Plans are A1 to 1 to B100

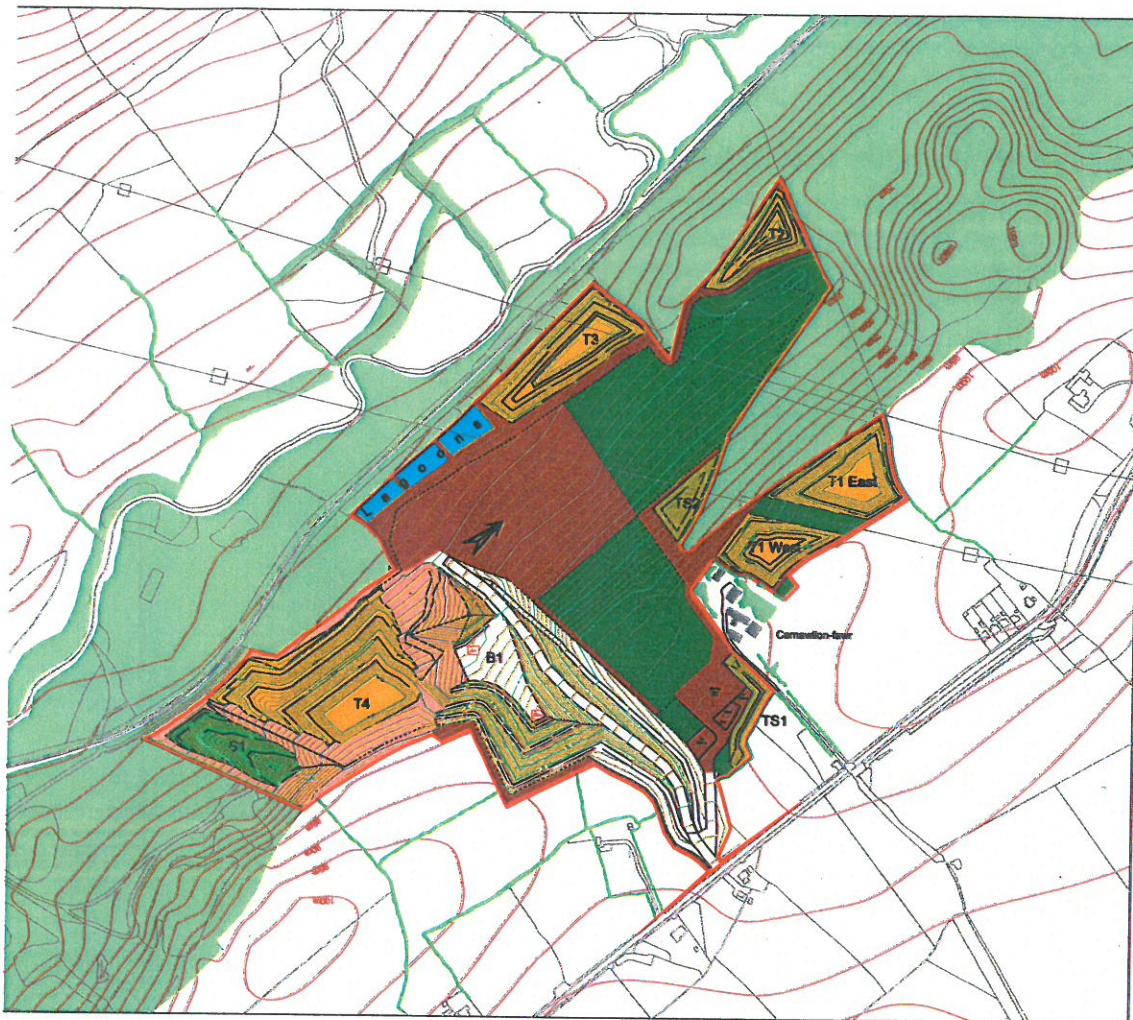


- Legend**
- Site Boundary
  - Undisturbed Bats
  - Bats Stripped
  - Restored Area
  - Lagoons
  - Retained Woodland
  - Retained Hedges
  - Depth to Base of Excavation

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Site	CARRIVILLONFAWIS SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE
Title	Working Method Phase 1 Month
Doc. No.	CFR.1
Scale	1:2500
Comments	See white presentation area
Date	2014/02/27
Client	Green Development Limited
Drawn by	BC
App. by	BC

Plot on A6 of 1 to 2500



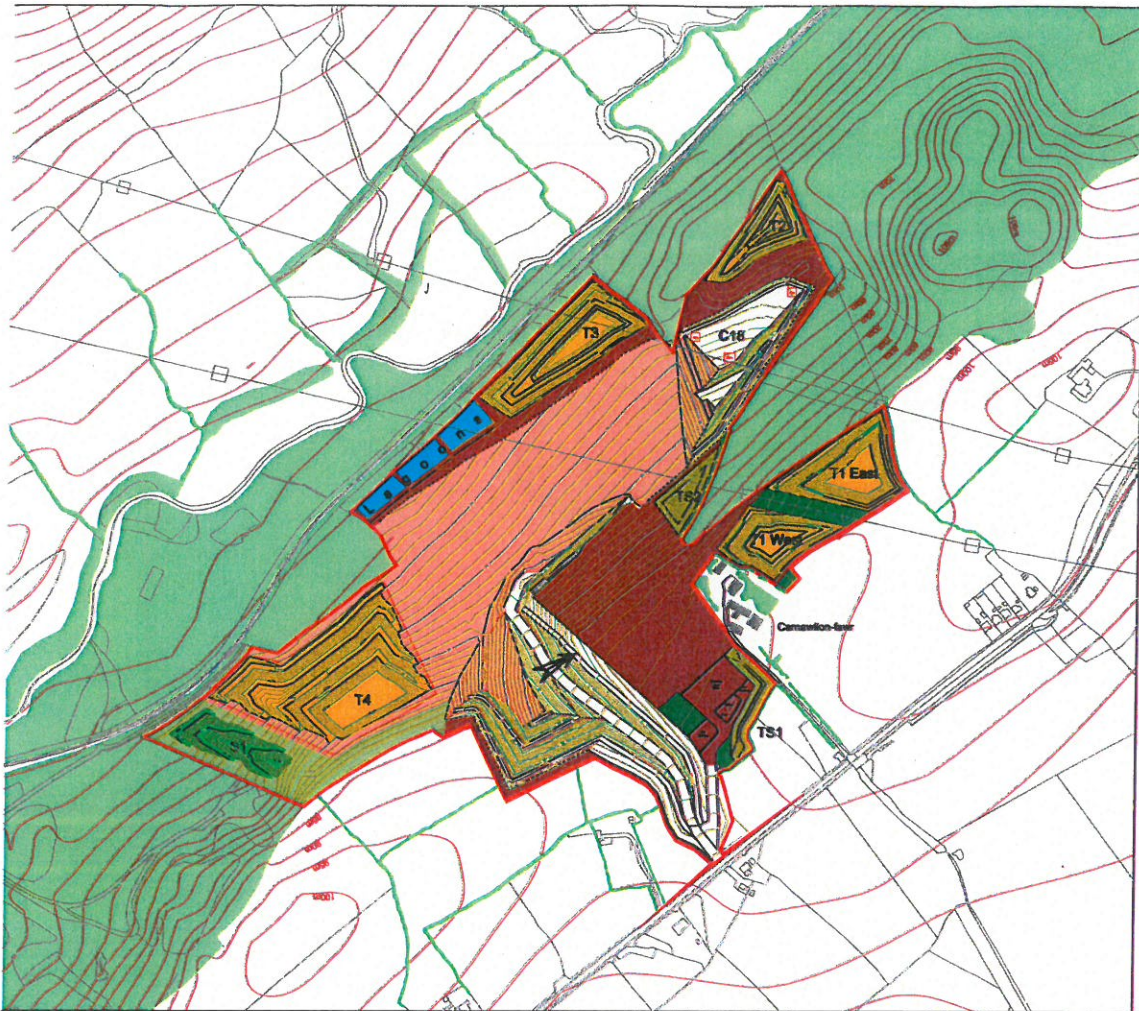
**Legend**

- Site Boundary
- Undisturbed Soil
- Soil Stripped
- Replaced Backfill
- Restored Area
- Lagoons
- Retained Woodland
- Retained Hedger
- Depth to Base of Excavation

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Site:	CARMICHAEL OPEN-PIT SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE
Title:	Working Method Phase 2 Month 25
Proj. No.:	CFRL2
Scale:	1:2500
Contact No.:	011 833 6000
Date:	2014/08/27
Client:	Geoscan Development Limited
Drawn by:	SC
App. by:	SC

Print on A0 at 1 to 2500

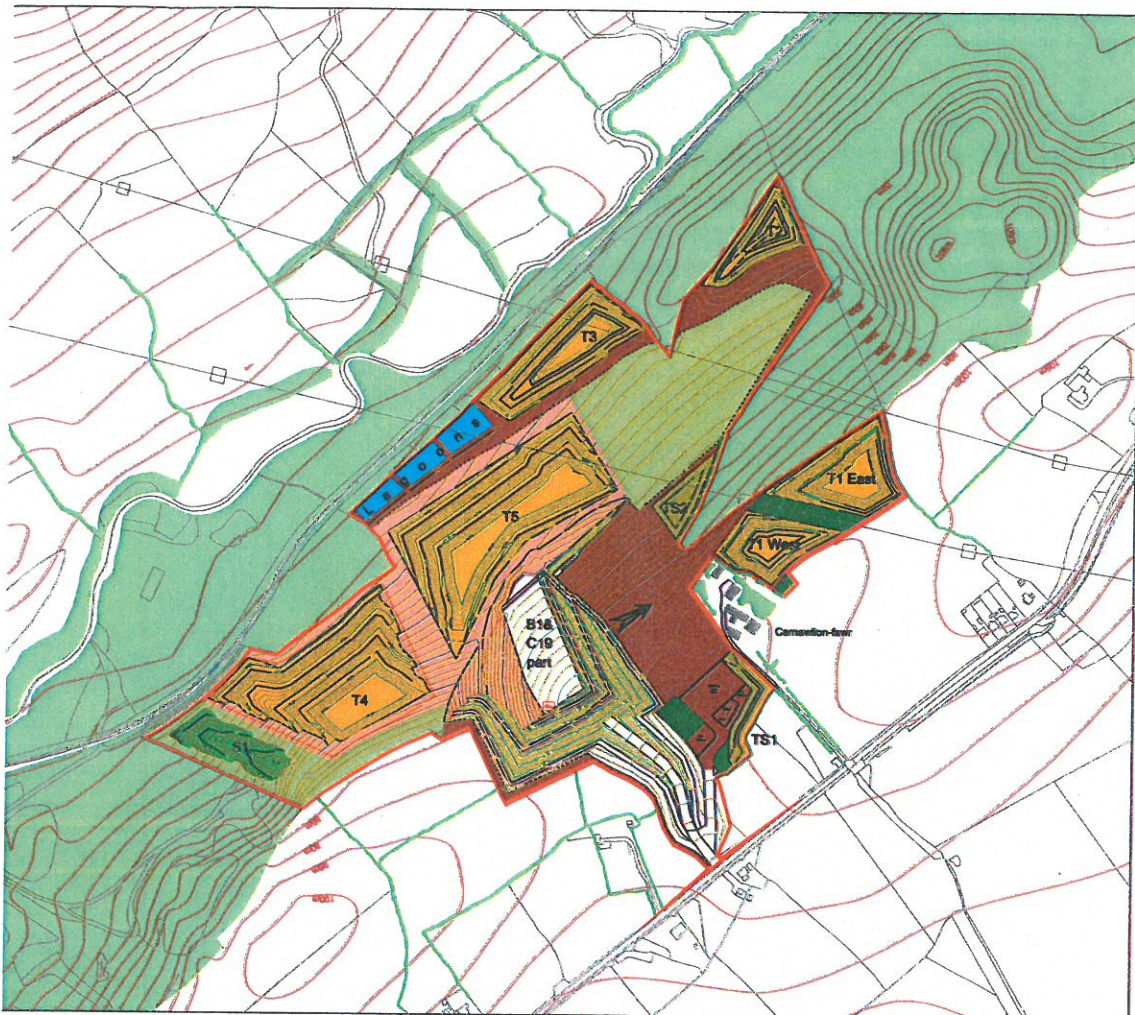


- Legend**
- Site Boundary
  - Unsheltered Soil
  - Soil Stripped
  - Replaced Backfill
  - Restored Areas
  - Lagoons
  - Retained Woodland
  - Retained Hedger
  - Depth to Base of Excavation

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**CARRHILL ON FAIR**  
**SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE**  
 Working Method Phase 3  
 Month 25  
 Date: 25/01/2015  
 Scale: 1:2500  
 Author: [Redacted]  
 Checker: [Redacted]  
 Date: [Redacted]  
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Plot on A6 of 1 to 8000



**Legend**

- Site Boundary
- Undisturbed Soils
- Soils Stripped
- Replaced Backfill
- Restored Areas
- Lagoons
- Restored Woodland
- Restored Hedgerows
- Depth to Base of Excavation

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<b>CARHAMILLON FARM SURFACE ANTHRACITE MINE</b>	
Site:	Working Method Phase 4
Map:	Sheet 45
Scale:	CR1.4
Scale:	1:2500
Created by:	Geo. V. H. [unreadable]
Date:	2014/03/13
Client:	North Devon Coalfield Limited
Drawn by:	GP
App. No:	02

Plot on A3 at 1 to 2500







**Planning Application and  
Environmental Statement**

**Carnawllon Fawr Surface Anthracite Mine**

**Proposed Surface Mining of Anthracite with  
restoration of the site to woodland,  
agriculture, ponds and wetlands with  
improved public access**

**May 2017 Draft**

**Draeth Developments Limited**

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# **Carnawllon Fawr Surface Anthracite Mine**

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Drawing Number CF2 Planning Application Boundary (Location Plan) is included with the Planning Application form and the remaining drawings can be found together at the end of Part A.

Other drawings are included together with the relevant Environmental Assessment Section.



# **Planning Application and Environmental Statement**

## **Carnawllon Fawr Surface Anthracite Mine**

### **Proposed Surface Mining of Anthracite with restoration of the site to woodland, agriculture ponds and wetlands with improved public access**

#### **Pre-application statement**

##### **Description of proposed scheme.**

The current proposal is a much revised version of the Ponthenri/Pentremawr scheme which was submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council in 2008 and refused on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The site is located adjacent to Carnawllon-fawr farmstead midway between Pontyberem and Ponthenri, Carmarthenshire.

It is proposed to extract 210,000 tonnes of high quality anthracite over a 4.5 years period including 2.5 months site establishment/initial stripping, 46 months mining operations and phased restoration and 2.5 months final restoration.

The following drawings are attached:

CF2	Planning Application Boundary (Location Plan)
CF7	Site Layout/Working Method
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CF9	Working Method Cross Sections

The new scheme addresses the Council's reasons for refusing the Ponthenri/Pentremawr application refusal reasons primarily by full compliance with Welsh Government Planning Policy Guidance in MTAN2 which requires a 500 metres standoff from settlement boundaries for

mining operations; in the case the Ponthenri and Pontyberem settlement boundaries identified in the Carmarthenshire County Council Unitary Development Plan. (the previous scheme had included the dereliction associated with the former Pentremawr and Pont Henry collieries which lie within the MTAN2 500 metres standoffs.).

The new scheme also includes mining of the National Grid Gas ("NGG") pipeline corridor. Extensive discussions have taken place with NGG which is agreeable to mining of the pipeline corridor being included in the planning application. It is also noted that safeguarding of the gas pipeline is not a planning consideration but what exactly happens with respect to the pipeline will be determined in accordance with the Mining Code and the wayleave agreement between Draeth Developments Ltd and National Grid Gas.

An additional area has now been included between the gas pipeline and Carnawllon-fawr (as in the 2008 draft scheme). This could not be worked if the gas pipeline was retained but, for the purposes of the planning application, that constraint is no longer applicable. The site support area including anthracite washing plant, plant yard, offices and carparking will be located between Carnawllon-fawr and the new access road. Carnawllon-fawr farmhouse is under the control of the applicant and will not be occupied for the duration of the surface mine scheme.

The new scheme includes a new access road from the south direct onto the B4317 road and this has been designed to accommodate the required visibility splays etc.

### **Mining Operations.**

Site establishment would commence with excavations to create the access road and haul road corridor into the site. The settlement lagoons and drainage discharge system and site support area would be established. Topsoil and soil making material from these areas and the western part of the site would be stored in overburden storage mounds TS1 and TS2 and S1. Overburden would be stored in T1 East and West.

Mining operations would commence in Cut B1 at the western end of the site with overburden being stored in remaining capacity in T1 East and West and T2 and T3. (see Drawing CF7).

Mining operations would progress westwards with overburden stored in T4 as a surcharge over the backfilled initial excavation areas. (Drawing CF8.2). After completion of extraction at the eastern end of the site in Cut C18 (Drawing CF8.3) mining would transfer to Cut B1 west of the access road, progressing east into the final cut C19. Overburden from this area not required for backfilling of Cuts C17 and 18 would be stored in T5, a surcharge mound over earlier phase of mining and backfilling. At this

time, final restoration would also take place in the eastern part of the site (Drawing CF8.4).

Final backfilling of Cuts B1 and C19 would take place followed by restoration of the site to final contours and placement of soils and soil making material.

Restoration would be to a mix of woodland, pasture, ponds and wetlands and with a new east-west multi user public access route looping southwards thereby creating a circular route together with the existing route alongside the old railway and enabling extensive views northwards across the Gwendraeth Fawr Valley from an area which is not currently accessible to the public.

Most of the unrestored old opencast high walls and open mine entrances towards the western end of the site have been included within the site boundary for reclamation purposes and would be suitably treated as part of the scheme.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The potential environmental impact subject areas are indicated in the draft Contents page ie:

1. Landscape and Visual Amenity
2. Health assessment (Noise, Air Quality and wider health assessment)
3. Ecology
4. Soils
5. Hydrology and Hydrogeology
6. Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
7. Transport
8. Site Stability (Geotechnical Assessment)
9. Socio-Economic

With respect to environmental impact this will obviously be substantially less than the refused scheme given the greatly reduced area.

In terms of landscape and visual impact the retention of the large areas of woodland and scrub in the now excluded areas to the west and east will substantially reduce impacts.

Ecological impacts would also be significantly reduced given the exclusion of the areas referred to above.

Impacts on residential areas would be reduced substantially as the distance of site operations from these will be substantially increased.

Careful consideration will, however, still need to be had in respect of individual properties to the south of the site.

Highways/transport was not a refusal reason in the original application and the new access point onto the public highway achieves the required

visibility distances and is much more straightforward in highway terms than the original access.

Likewise, archaeology was not a refusal reason in the original application and the original assessment will be revised in accord with the new site area.

Socio-economic impacts are now even more positive than when the original application was considered with employment and economic benefits being relatively more important in the uncertain times the country now faces and the shortage of UK produced anthracite for both UK and European industrial requirements in the steel, foundry, water purification and other industries requiring a high quality carbon product.

**BC 16 May 2017**



**PA/15428**

**CEFNDIR CYNLLUNIO PERTHNASOL (os oes cefndir) / RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY (if any)  
@ 18/05/2017**

S/18128 - REMOVAL OF COAL AND SUBSEQUENT RESTORATION OF EXISTING DERELICT LAND - Full Refusal  
27/03/2014

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*Ni ddylid defnyddio'r wybodaeth gynllunio yn lle'r wybodaeth a geir trwy chwiliad Pridiannau Tir Lleol a ffurfiol. Mae'r Cyngor yn ceisio sicrhau bod y wybodaeth a ddarperir yn fanwl-gywir ac yn ddibynadwy ond nid yw'n gwneud dim sylwadau nac yn rhoi gwarantau ynghylch manwl-gywirdeb y wybodaeth na pha mor gyflawn neu addas ydyw at unrhyw ddiben ac nid yw'n derbyn cyfrifoldeb dros y defnydd a wneir ohoni na'i dibynadwyedd.*

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7 October, 2013.

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<b>Application No./ Development</b>	<b>Applicant/Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>S/15702</b> Residential Development	Redrow Homes (South Wales) Ltd Genwen Farm Genwen Road Bynea Llanelli	<b>OBJECTION</b>

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Objection on the following grounds:

1. The development would have a detrimental impact on highway access and safety in the immediate vicinity.
2. The building of an additional 240 dwellings would have a detrimental impact on the sewerage network which didn't have the necessary capacity to handle the extra demand and would give rise to increased risk of local flooding and sewer spills.

Outline consent was required for residential development.

<b>S/18128</b> Coal Extraction	Draeth Developments Ltd Land at Ponthenri Pentremawr Collieries Llanelli	<b>OBJECTION</b>
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Objection on the following grounds:

1. The detrimental impact on village life and the general well being and health of the community;
2. the immediate and long term affect on the environmental landscape;
3. the visual impact of Open Cast mining on both sides of the Gwendraeth Valley;
4. increased traffic movements of haulage and plant;
5. noise and dust pollution having a detrimental impact on neighbouring villages;
6. water pollution;
7. the gas pipeline that traverses the site;
8. the detrimental impact on local ecology;
9. the application did not appear to support the principles of sustainable development.

Consent was required for removal of coal and the subsequent restoration of existing derelict land.

