

# Building Control Regulations

## The difference between Planning and Building Control

There is a general misunderstanding by the public as to the difference between Planning Control and Building Regulations. In fact, in many instances the term 'Planning Permission' is thought of as all embracing and the existence of Building Regulations is not even known.

Planning Control and Building Regulations are two entirely separate, legally enforceable sides of building law.

In simplistic terms, planning deals with the correct use of the land, the appearance of the proposed development and the effect that the development may have on the general environment and neighbouring properties.

Building Regulations, on the other hand, deal with the way the building is constructed, e.g. structural stability, fire resistance, prevention of dampness etc.

Certain types of development, having received Planning Permission, can be carried out without receiving Building Regulation Consent (where building work is not involved).

An infringement of either of these two different sets of building laws can produce severe difficulties and it is important that people intending to carry out development seek advice from the staff in the Planning and Building Control sections of the Customer Corporate Services Directorate.

Building work to new or amended schemes should not commence until both approvals have been obtained.

The following information and advice is confined solely to the Building Regulation aspect of building work.

## Exempt Works

Certain minor works are totally exempt from Building Regulation control. The following are examples of such exemptions affecting householders:-

- 1) Small, detached buildings, provided that the floor area is not more than 30 square metres; the building contains no sleeping accommodation; and is either:-
  - a) situated more than one metre from its boundary, or
  - b) is a single storey building constructed wholly of non-combustible material.
- 2) Greenhouses, provided that they are not used for retail, packaging or exhibition uses.
- 3) The extension of a building at ground level provided the floor area is not over 30 square metres and the addition is either a greenhouse, conservatory (which must have a translucent roof), porch, covered way or car port open on at least two sides (doors do not constitute an open side).
- 4) The installation of heat producing gas appliances provided that they are installed by, or under the supervision of British Gas.

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## Methods of application to the Council

As indicated earlier there are two methods of submitting an application required under the Building Regulations. These are known as a 'Full Plans Application' and a 'Building Notice Application'.

### Full Plans Application

Under this method, detailed plans are submitted to the Council for examination and approval. If the work is carried out strictly in accordance with that approved plan it is unlikely that any major contravention of the regulations will occur. A point worth bearing in mind is that Building Societies and other finance houses may require a copy of the local authority 'Notice of Passing of Plans' as a condition of the mortgage or loan.

### Building Notices

Under this method a notice is served on the Council, giving a general description of the works to be carried out. The Building Control Officers then inspect the work as it proceeds and provide advice on Building Regulations on site where necessary. This method gives no protection against contraventions which might occur as the work proceeds and the Council would only recommend this approach for minor works. (No Approval Notice or Completion Certificate is issued with this type of application).

### Fees

The Council must charge for Building Regulation services, the charges are based on the size and type of works to be carried out. Information on the current scale of charges is available from the Building Control Section of the Planning Division.

Under the Full Plans procedure, the first part of the fee has to be paid when the application documents are deposited with the Council, and the remainder of the fee when work commences on site.

When Building Notices are used, the Building Notice fee must be paid when the application is submitted, the total fee is the same whichever option is chosen. The payment of another fee is not required if the application is resubmitted after it has been rejected or where minor revisions are made for approval. The fee payable for Building Regulation services covers all inspections carried out by a Building Control Officer, irrespective of the number of visits made to the development.

### Inspection of Works

When Full Plans or a Building Notice have been approved, the Council has to be notified as to when building work is to start, and again at various stages of construction. At least 24 hours notice (48 hours in the case of a commencement) is required to allow the Building Control Officer to check the works. Failure to do so may mean that work has to be removed or opened up for inspection. All persons carrying out building work are required by law to notify the County Borough Council at various stages as the work proceeds.

However, the Council is responsible for the enforcement of the whole of the regulations, and this can be achieved only by effective site supervision throughout the period of the works. It is the County Borough Council's policy to carry out all the inspections and as many spot checks as may be felt necessary.

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## Enforcement

If building work proceeds prior to the depositing of plans or a Building Notice, even though the work itself may comply with the regulations, the Council can take action to prosecute. Furthermore, if works are carried out in contravention of regulations, the Council can carry out remedial work and recover the necessary costs from the owner.

## Relaxation of the Regulations

There may be circumstances where a relaxation of the Regulations can be permitted. In such cases, applicants are recommended to contact the Building Control section to see whether a 'relaxation' would be appropriate. There is a right of appeal to the Welsh Assembly Government in the event of the refusal of a relaxation.

## Demolition and Dangerous Structures

Before any building is demolished, a notice specifying the building and the proposed date of demolition must be sent to the Building Control section. An inspection will then be made and a notice served on the owner, stating what works may need to be done. It should be noted that if a building proposed for demolition is listed or situated within a conservation area, then permission is also required under the Planning Acts.

The building is the owner's responsibility but, where a building becomes dangerous the Council can serve a Dangerous Structures Notice on the owner indicating the cause of the complaint. If the owner does nothing, the Council in an emergency can remove the cause of the complaint at the owner's expense. In other cases, legal action can be taken in a Magistrates' Court for the removal of the cause of the complaint.

# The Natural Heritage

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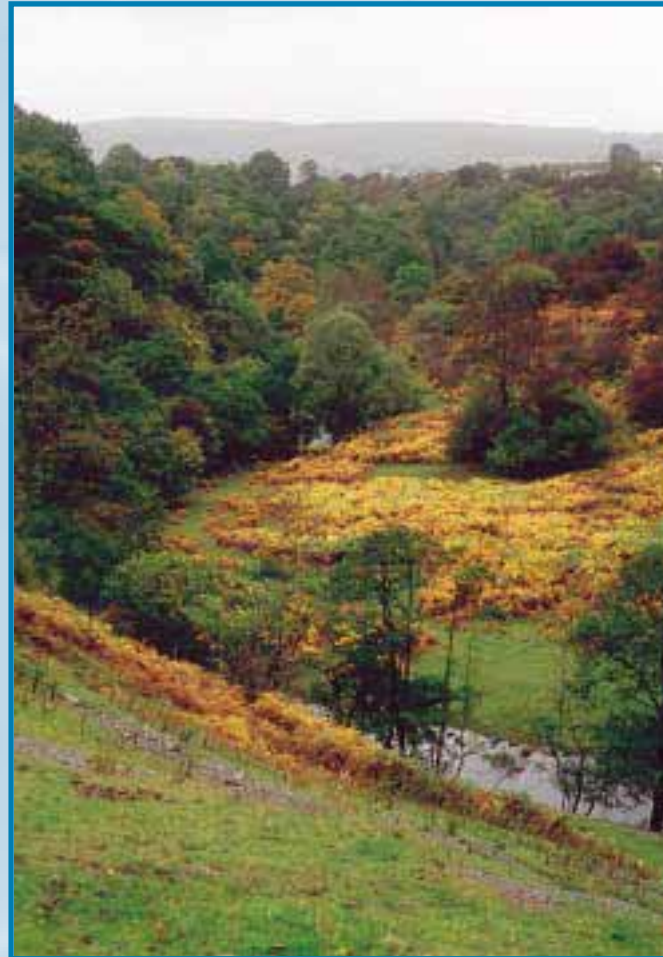
The County Borough's landscape can be described as semi-rural, and historical practices have helped to shape the countryside we value today for its aesthetic, recreational and productive qualities. From Neolithic times man has been removing the dense forest which would have dominated much of the lowland areas of the County Borough. This historic process combined with the use of timber for charcoal production in the iron industry during the 19th Century, continued this deforestation process. Subsequent grazing by livestock on the valley sides have all contributed in shaping the dramatic moorlands which surround the urban villages along the valley. The County Borough Council recognises that this landscape is a valuable finite resource where habitats require protection from harmful development and the coalescence of the urban fabric. To this end, policies have been formulated which seek to protect the countryside and natural environment, and these are complemented by the following special designations:

## Tree Preservation Orders

Trees are important in both the countryside and in towns because:

- They are attractive features which add to the aesthetic value of the landscape
- They provide good habitats for wildlife
- They help to balance carbon levels in the atmosphere. This is environmentally significant as carbon gas is a known contributor to 'Global Warming'

The County Borough Council will do everything possible to preserve the existing tree cover, by placing Tree Preservation Orders on important specimens or groups of trees, and by looking carefully at proposals which affect trees as part of planning applications.



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If any trees are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) then any 'treeworks' will require a specific consent from the Council. The exemptions are where:

- The tree is dead, dying or dangerous
- The tree has to be cut down or pruned in connection with the work of a statutory undertaker such as the Electricity Supply Companies or Water Authority
- Where the tree has to be removed to make way for a development which has already been granted planning permission by the Council, and where removal of the tree has been agreed

A TPO will allow the Council to ensure that proposals to prune a tree are necessary and will not harm its health or appearance. A tree not the subject of a TPO, which is threatened with felling or unsuitable pruning, may be preserved as a matter of urgency by including it in a Provisional TPO. This remains effective for up to six months, during which time the Council will consider whether to make its protection permanent.

If a tree which is the subject of a TPO is removed, deliberately killed or treated in such a way that its amenity value is destroyed, the Council can prosecute the person carrying out the work, who may then be liable to a fine and required to replace the tree at his own expense. The Council, in certain circumstances, may agree to the removal of a preserved tree but the owner will usually be required to replace the tree with one of a suitable species and size.

In Conservation Areas, anyone wishing to cut down, lop, top, uproot or otherwise damage a tree must give six weeks notice of this to the County Borough Council. If work is begun without this notice being given then the person concerned is liable to penalties and becomes liable to replant.

Before making a decision on the proposed works, it is usual for the Council to arrange for an inspection of the trees in question. If there are any queries concerning the stability or health of a tree, members of the public are invited to contact the Planning Division in the first instance.

The majority of large woodlands in the County Borough are covered by Tree Preservation Orders and a comprehensive list of these woodlands appears overleaf.

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**Miscellaneous TPOs declared prior to April 1st 1974**

- TPO: No 1 Taf Fechan Ponsarn  
(declared by Brecon County Council 1948)
- TPO: No 2 Lower Taf Fechan (declared by MTCBC 1951)
- TPO: No 3 Upper Taf Fechan (declared by MTCBC 1951)
- TPO: No 4 Abercanaid (declared by MTCBC 1951)
- TPO: No 5 Troedyrhiw/Aberfan (declared by MTCBC 1952)
- TPO: No 6 Pontygraith/Treharris  
(declared by MTCBC 1954)
- TPO: No 1 Trelewis  
(declared by Glamorgan County Council 1964)

**TPOs declared between April 1st 1974 & March 1996 by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (including Trees, Groups & Woodlands)**

- TPO: No 1 Bethesda Street
- TPO: No 2 St Tydfil's Church
- TPO: No 3 St David's Church
- TPO: No 4 Christ Church Cyfarthfa
- TPO: No 5 St Mary's R.C. Church
- TPO: No 6 St Iltyd's R.C. Church
- TPO: No 7 Oak Woodland to rear of Capel Calfaria,  
Merthyr Vale
- TPO: No 8 Garth Villas
- TPO: No 9 Coed Cwm Cothi and Coed Cefn Fforest, Cilhaul
- TPO: No 10 Ynysfach (not proceeded with)
- TPO: No 11 Cwmbblacs, Cwmbargoed
- TPO: No 12 Redlane
- TPO: No 13 (not proceeded with)
- TPO: No 14 Land North of Six Bells Estate, Heolgerrig

- TPO: No 15 Cwmglo, Heolgerrig
- TPO: No 16 Gwaunfarren Grove
- TPO: No 17 Nant Llwynog, Bedlinog
- TPO: No 18 Land at Lower Mount Pleasant
- TPO: No 19 Land South of Goitre Coed, Quakers Yard
- TPO: No 20 Cwm Bargoed, Quakers Yard
- TPO: No 21 Fairfield House, Edwardsville
- TPO: No 22 Coed Ceirios, Trelewis
- TPO: No 23 South of Park Place, Troedyrhiw
- TPO: No 24 Land West of B4285 Troedyrhiw/Aberfan
- TPO: No 25 Land North of Goitre Coed Road, Quakers Yard  
(not confirmed)
- TPO: No 26 Land South of The Hollies, Pentwyn, Quakers  
Yard (not confirmed)
- TPO: No 27 Land North of Goitre Coed Fach, Quakers Yard
- TPO: No 28 Land at Greenfield Gardens, Pentrebach
- TPO: No 29 Land at Plas-y-Coed House, Troedyrhiw  
(not confirmed)
- TPO: No 30 Land at Pentrebach House, Pentrebach
- TPO: No 31 Nant Caiach, opposite Beechcroft Estate,  
Trelewis
- TPO: No 32 Land at Blanche House, Dowlais  
(provisional order)
- TPO: No 33 Site of former County Grammar School,  
Penydarren
- TPO: No 34 Land to rear of Christopher Terrace  
(provisional order)
- TPO: No 35 Land at Tyn-y-garn, Cefn Coed
- TPO: No 36 Land adjacent to West End Bowling Club
- TPO: No 37 Land at Tynewydd, Trefechan (provisional order)

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## TPOs declared between April 1st 1974 & March 31st 1996 by Mid Glamorgan County Council

TPO: No 1 Llancaiach Fawr, Trelewis

## TPOs declared since April 1st 1996 by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

TPO: No 1 Carreg Fawr, Upper High Street, Cefn Coed

TPO: No 2 Land at Goitre Coed Farm, Quakers Yard

TPO: No 3 Land at Mardy Hospital

TPO: No 4 Ty Llwyd Parc, Quakers Yard

TPO: No 5 Woodland Way, Heolgerrig

TPO: No 6 Trees adjacent to Reservoir House, Upper High St, Cefn Coed

TPO: No 7 Y Goedwig, Cardiff Road, Edwardsville (not confirmed)

TPO: No 8 Trees to rear of Bryntaf & Pleasant View, Aberfan

TPO: No 9 Land adjacent to 24 Gelligaer Road, Trelewis

TPO: No 11 Land to rear of Pantanas and Thornwood, Treharris

TPO: No 12 Land at former OAP Hall, Woodland Place, Bedlinog (not confirmed)

TPO: No 13 Land adjacent to Newmarket Walk and Merthyr Tydfil Bus Station

TPO: No 14 Land adjoining the West side of Plymouth House, Mardy

## Nature Conservation

A visually important landscape surrounds the settlements of the County Borough and development proposals which may adversely change or diminish the particular character, quality and distinctiveness of this landscape will be resisted by the Council. Since 1949, the Nature Conservancy Council and subsequently the Countryside Council For Wales have identified areas of land containing plants, animals, geological features or landforms of significant conservation importance. These areas, known as SSSI's (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) will be afforded particular protection as part of the planning process.

### Sites of Special Scientific Interest

There are four SSSI's within the County Borough (though the Darren Fach and Nant Glais caves fall outside the Local Plan area and are managed by the Brecon Beacons National Park):

#### 1. Cwm Taf Fechan Woodlands (Ecological)

Features include interesting plant communities, important mixed deciduous woodlands, river rapids and splash zones all within a steep gorge of the north crop of carboniferous limestone. Part of the area is also a local nature reserve (see below).

#### 2. Cwm Glo (Ecological)

This area is situated to the south of Heolgerrig, to the west of the A470 and is within the Merthyr Tydfil landscape of outstanding historic interest. The SSSI features important mosaics of habitats, including wet heath, wet pastures, species-rich neutral grassland and the locally, regionally and nationally important 'Rhos' pasture. Ponds are also an important feature within the SSSI and are known to support an important population of Great Crested Newts. Other species present on site include the Otter, Water Vole and Marsh Fritillary butterfly.

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### 3. Darren Fach (Geological)

This area adjoins the A470 on the east side of the Cwm Taff, south of Llwyn Onn in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Features include an Ash Woodland and the rare Ley's Whitebeam.

### 4. Nant Glais Caves (Geological)

The area covers the limestone gorge of Nant Glais, north of Pontsarn and is within the National Park. Features include two cave systems within carboniferous limestone passage morphology and a large population of white trout.

## Cwm Taf Fechan Local Nature Reserve

This is the only Local Nature Reserve in the County Borough. It covers an area of 41 hectares around the Taff Fechan river and gorge between Cefn Coed and Pontsarn, and partly coincides with the Cwm Taf Fechan Woodlands SSSI. The vegetation is extremely diverse with an interesting mosaic of woodland, scrub, grassland, cliff and wetland communities. The reserve has an unusual selection of orchids and sedges and a variety of species of fern. It is the one hundred or more differing species of mosses and liverworts which have established the reserve as one of the best sites for bryophytes in South Wales. The reserve is also home to many different species of woodland birds. The Planning Division is currently working towards the designation of two additional proposed Local Nature Reserves.

## Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)

The Welsh Assembly Government has duties under s.74 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 relating to the promotion of biodiversity conservation. The Assembly views LBAPs as vital for ensuring a secure future for Wales' biodiversity and achieving sustainable development. MTCBC is committed to the conservation of biodiversity; therefore, the Planning Division is involved with the Merthyr Tydfil Biodiversity Partnership - acting as lead partner and administrator.

The Local Biodiversity Action Plan 'Action for Wildlife in Merthyr Tydfil' was recently written and produced by the Biodiversity Partnership and was formally adopted by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in July 2002. There are many organisations, groups and individuals involved in the Biodiversity Partnership, including the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and the Forestry Commission, as well as local groups such as the Merthyr Tydfil & Districts Naturalists Society, Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association and Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil. Specialist organisations such as the Glamorgan Bird Club, Glamorgan Moth Recording Group, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Cymru, Butterfly Conservation and the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales are also involved. The Local Biodiversity Action Plan identifies habitats and species of national, regional and local importance and sets out priorities for the conservation and management of these. Copies of the LBAP are available from the Planning Division.

## Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)

There are currently 11 SINCs within the Merthyr Borough. These are non-statutory site designations, but this process helps protect areas of wildlife and ecological value from harmful development. The Planning Division has recently employed a consultant to select further candidate SINCs within the Borough. As a result of this, consultation will be taking place with landowners, to help designate these additional areas of natural heritage.

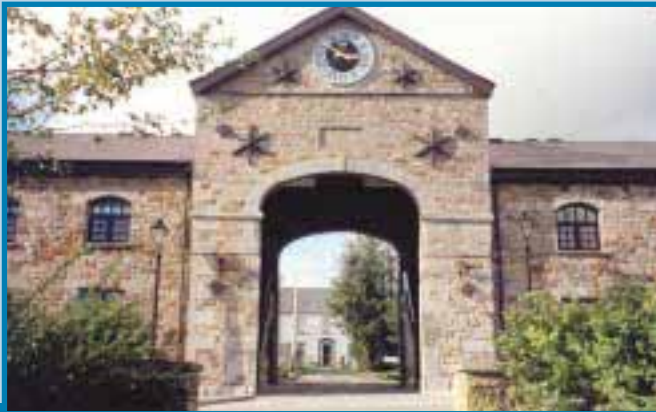
# The Built Heritage

The built heritage of Merthyr Tydfil has been created over several centuries and together, with the natural environment, contributes toward the overall quality of life for local residents.

The County Borough Council acknowledges the importance of the built form and aims to protect and improve its quality. To do this effectively, development pressures must be guided in such a way that those aspects of the built environment which are of recognised importance are safeguarded for future generations. The following designations help provide a mechanism for achieving this.

## Listed Buildings

Merthyr Tydfil has approximately 200 listed buildings and this is an indication of the rich and unique history of the town. Although many historic buildings and features have been lost in recent decades, the town still retains a rich variety of buildings which vary from the spectacular Grade I Cyfarthfa Castle to late 18th Century Grade II workers cottages at Gellideg. The actual list is drawn up by CADW (Welsh Historic Monuments) which is the heritage branch of the Welsh Assembly Government. The full list as at February 2004 is included over the page. When a building is listed, it is normally the whole of the building which



is protected and any object or structure fixed to the building or contained within the boundaries of the property. In certain circumstances interior features are also protected.

The listing of a building is not intended to prevent any alterations or changes, but rather to ensure that if alterations are carried out, then they are in keeping with the character of the building. It is an offence to carry out any work to a Listed Building, either internally or externally, which would affect its structure or character, without first obtaining Listed Building Consent.

It is always preferable to retain as much of the original building as possible, and to repair rather than replace the fabric. However, where parts of a building are beyond repair, then it is advisable to replace like with like, and, if this is done, then Listed Building Consent will not normally be needed. If it is intended to carry out alterations or to use different materials then Listed Building Consent will be required. The highest standards are applied to the alteration and repair of Listed Buildings and inappropriate alterations and unsuitable materials will not be approved. The procedure for obtaining Listed Building Consent is similar to that for obtaining planning permission, but no fees are payable.

Application forms for Listed Building Consent are available from the County Borough Council Offices.

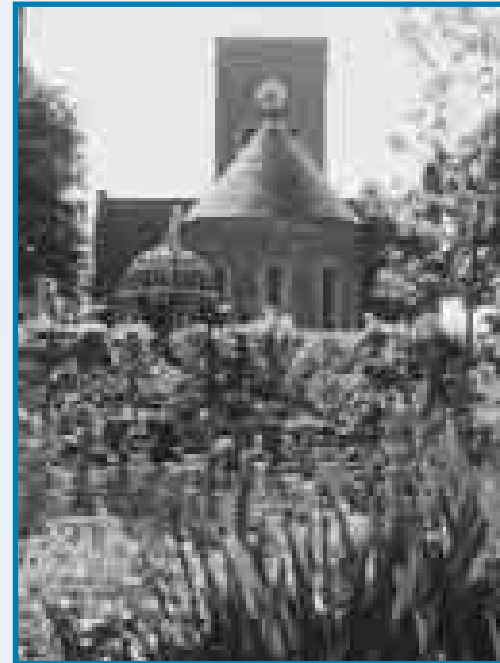
Appeals can be lodged with the Welsh Assembly Government, if the applicant is aggrieved by the Council's decision, following a similar procedure to planning appeals.

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## Listed Buildings

Grade	Building / Structure	Community/Ward
<b>Religious</b>		
II	Salem Baptist Chapel, Lower High St/Oakland St .....	Bedlinog
II	St Illtyd's Roman Catholic Church .....	Dowlais
II	Ivor English Congregational Church including Forecourt Walls, Ivor St .....	Dowlais
II	Church of St John, Upper Union St .....	Dowlais
II	Bethania Independent Chapel, South St .....	Dowlais
II	Aberfan Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Aberfan Rd .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Capel Tabernacle, Brecon Rd .....	Park
II	Christ Church .....	Park
II+	Chapel of Ease, Chapel Row .....	Park
II	Sion Independent Chapel, Chapel St .....	Plymouth
II	Church of St John the Baptist (formerly listed as Pont-yr-yn Church) .....	Plymouth
II	Church of St Tydfil .....	Town
II	Gates & Railings, Church of St Tydfil .....	Town
II	Soar Capel .....	Town
II	Gates & Piers, Capel Soar .....	Town
II	High Street Baptist Church .....	Town
II	Former Miners Hall, Church St .....	Town
II+	Merthyr Christian Centre, Church St (formerly listed as the Synagogue) .....	Town
II	Memorial Fountain, St David's Church yard wall, High St ....	Town


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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Building / Structure</b>	<b>Community/Ward</b>
II	St Mary's RC Church, Brecon Rd	Town
II	St David's Church & Hall, High St	Town
II+	Former Wesley Chapel	Town
II	Former Unitarian Chapel	Town
II	Zion Chapel (Capel Seion) and Schoolroom, Tywnyrodyn Rd	Town
II	Tabernacle Independent Chapel, Perrott St	Treharris
II	Tower of Church of St Gwendoline	Vaynor
II	Hen Dy Cwrdd Unitarian Chapel, Old Chapel Rd	Vaynor
II	Carmel Welsh Baptist Chapel & attached Schoolroom, High St	Vaynor
II	Church of St John the Baptist, New Church Rd	Vaynor
II	Tabor Independent Chapel, Upper High St	Vaynor

### Historic Houses and Inns

II	Gwaelodygarth House	Cyfarthfa
II*	Guest Memorial Hall (formerly listed as Guest Memorial Library)	Dowlais
I	Cyfarthfa Castle (Museum & School)	Park
II	Fountain in front of Cyfarthfa Castle	Park
II	Gatepiers & Railings at driveway entrance to Cyfarthfa Castle	Park
II	Park Walls flanking railings at driveway entrance to Cyfarthfa Castle	Park
II	Vulcan House & Garden Gate	Park
II	9, 9a & 9b Dynevor St, Old Courthouse	Park
II	Pentrebach House	Plymouth
II	NW Garden Facing Wall, Pentrebach House	Plymouth
II	Upper Abercanaid House	Plymouth
II	Garden Walls & Gatepiers at Upper Abercanaid House	Plymouth

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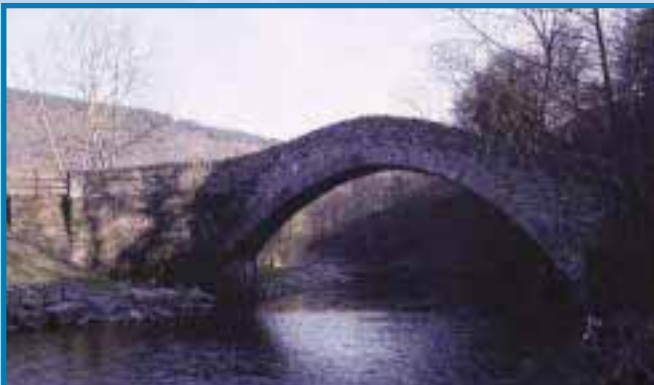
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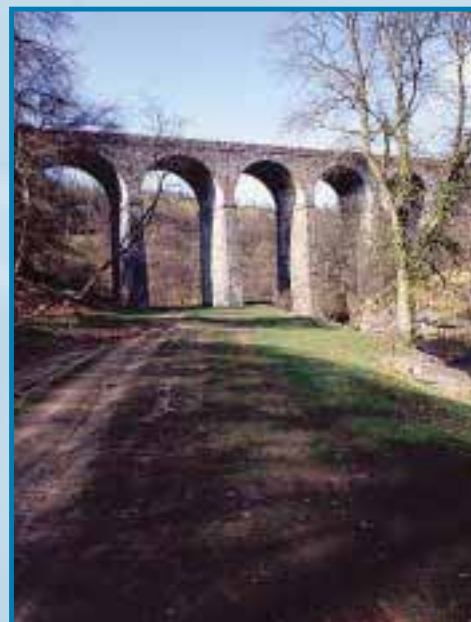
Grade	Building / Structure	Community/Ward
II	Llywn yr Eos House .....	Plymouth
II	Court House, Court St .....	Town
II	Crown Inn, High St .....	Town

Bridges / Viaducts

II*	Cefn Railway Viaduct .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Rhydycar Canal Bridge .....	Cyfarthfa
II	White Gate Road Bridge and Aqueduct .....	Dowlais
II	Aqueduct on Dowlais Free Drainage System .....	Dowlais
II*	Pontsarn Railway Viaduct .....	Dowlais & Vaynor
II	Pont y Cefn, A470 .....	Gurnos & Vaynor
II	Old Cefn Bridge .....	Gurnos & Vaynor
II	Jacksons Bridge .....	Park
II*	Pont-Y-Cafnau .....	Park
II	Gethin Tramway Bridge .....	Plymouth
II	Rhydycar Skew Bridge .....	Plymouth
II	Timber Aqueduct over former Taff Bargoed Railway .....	Town
II	Pont Y Gwaith (formerly listed as Pontygwaith Bridge over River Taff) .....	Treharris



Grade	Building / Structure	Community/Ward
II	Pontygwaith Overbridge, Penydarren Tramroad .....	Treharris
II*	Greenfield Bridge, Penydarren Tramroad .....	Treharris
II*	Victoria Bridge, Penydarren Tramroad .....	Treharris
II*	Quakers Yard Railway Viaduct .....	Treharris
II*	Cefn Railway Viaduct .....	Vaynor
II	Pontsarn Bridge .....	Vaynor
II	Llwyn-on Reservoir Dam, including Valve House and Spillway ...	Vaynor
II	Road Bridge near former Pontsarn Station .....	Vaynor
II	Pont Sticill (also known as Pontsticill Bridge) .....	Vaynor
II	Valve Tower, Bridge and Outflow on Pontsticill Reservoir .....	Vaynor



### Residential

II	No. 1 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 2 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 3 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 4 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 5 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 6 River Row (formerly 1-6 consec. River Row) .....	Abercanaid
II	No. 15 Gelli-deg, Swansea Rd, (formerly Nos. 15-21) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 16 Gelli-deg, Swansea Rd, (formerly Nos. 15-21) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 17 Gelli-deg, Swansea Rd, (formerly Nos. 15-21) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 19 Gelli-deg, Swansea Rd, (formerly Nos. 15-21) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 21 Gelli-deg, Swansea Rd, (formerly Nos. 15-21) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Nos. 1-2 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Nos. 3-4 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa

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<b>Grade</b>	<b>Building / Structure</b>	<b>Community/Ward</b>
II	Nos. 5-6 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Nos. 7-8 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 9 Upper Colliers Row,(formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 10 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Nos. 11-12 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 13 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 14 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Nos. 15-16 Upper Colliers Row (formerly Nos. 1-16 consec. Upper Colliers Row) .....	Cyfarthfa
II	No. 1 Lower Row .....	Dowlais
II	Stables House .....	Dowlais
II	Nos. 1-5 Chapel Row & remains of former Chapel at NW end .....	Park
II	No. 50 Grawen, Brecon Rd (Tollhouse) .....	Park
II	Nos. 22-30 Williamstown .....	Park
II	Tydfil House, Union St .....	Park
II	Nos. 1-6 (consec) Nightingale St .....	Plymouth
II	Nos. 7-12 (consec) Nightingale St .....	Plymouth
II	Nos. 70-75 (consec) Nightingale St .....	Plymouth
II	Nos. 76-81 (consec) Nightingale St .....	Plymouth
II	No. 2 including former No. 1 Quay Row (formerly listed as Nos. 1-6 Quay Row) .....	Plymouth
II	No. 3 Quay Row (formerly Nos. 1-6) .....	Plymouth
II	No. 4 Quay Row (formerly Nos. 1-6) .....	Plymouth
II	No. 5 Quay Row (formerly Nos. 1-6) .....	Plymouth
II	Nos. 32 & 33 (Newton House), Upper Thomas St .....	Town
II	Nos. 13, 13a & 14 Newcastle St .....	Town
II	No. 15 (Tengrove House), Newcastle St .....	Town

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Grade	Building / Structure	Community/Ward
II	Nos. 16 – 20, & Capel Salem, Newcastle St .....	Town
II	Primrose Hill, Thomastown .....	Town
II	Nos. 6-9 Coedcae'r Cwrt .....	Town
II	The Rectory .....	Town
II	Brynheulog & Sunny Bank Villa .....	Town
II	Springfield Villa .....	Town
II	Hy Brasail, Vaynor .....	Vaynor

Public Buildings & Structures

II*	Ynysfach Engine House, Ynysfach Rd .....	Cyfarthfa
II	Dowlais Public Library, Upper Union St .....	Dowlais
II	The War Memorial, Screen Walls and surrounding Railings, Pant Rd .....	Dowlais
II	Aberfan War Memorial, Aberfan Park .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Troedyrhiw War Memorial, Archers St .....	Plymouth
II	Town Hall & former County Court, High St .....	Town
II	Pillar Box, NE corner of Town Hall .....	Town
II	Ironwork Fountain .....	Town
II	Former Y.M.C.A. building .....	Town
II	Carnegie Library .....	Town
II	Statue & Plinth to Henry Seymour outside Carnegie Library .....	Town
II	Merthyr Tydfil War Memorial, Pontmorlais .....	Town
II	Boer War Memorial, Thomastown .....	Town
II	St Tydfil's Hospital Entrance .....	Town
II	Statue & Plinth to Sir W.T. Lewis St Tydfil's Hospital entrance .....	Town

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- II Treharris Public Library, Perrott St .....Treharris
- II Gravestone of Robert Thompson  
Crawshay & surrounding Railings .....Vaynor
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attached Railings, High St .....Vaynor



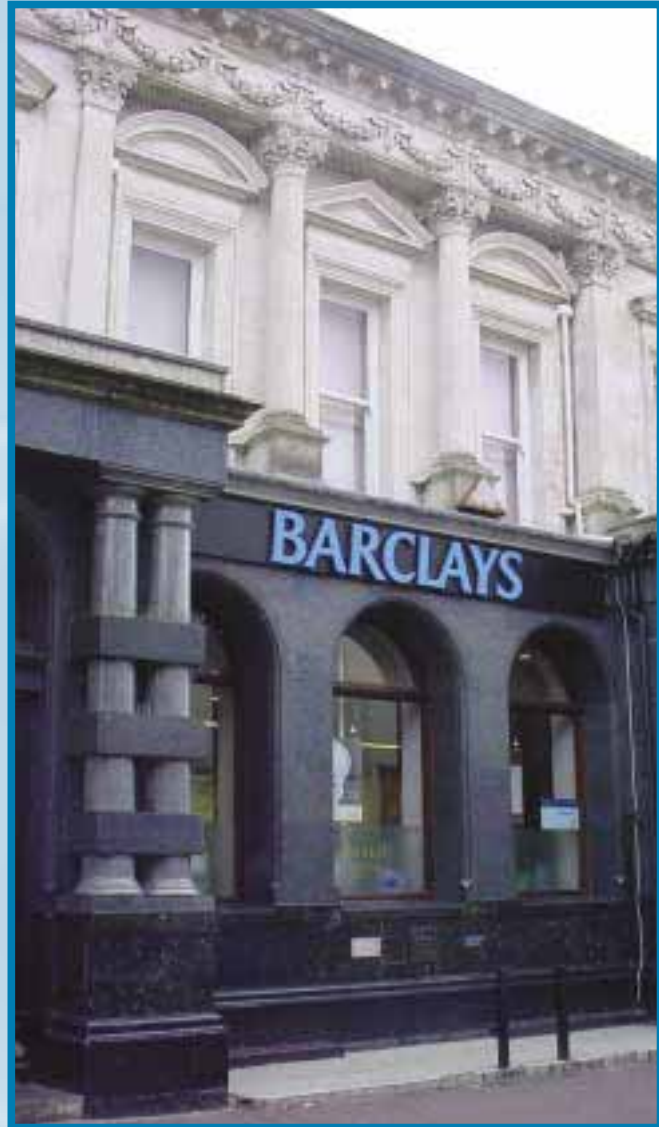
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<b>Farm Buildings / Structures</b>		
II	Blaenygarth, Dowlais .....	Dowlais
II	Aberfan Fawr Farmhouse .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Barn Range at Aberfan Fawr Farmhouse .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Hafod-tanglwys-isaf .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Outbuilding at Hafod-tanglwys-isaf .....	Merthyr Vale
II	Corbelled Pigsty at Penddeugae Fach .....	Plymouth
II	Blaen Canaid Farmhouse .....	Plymouth
II	Berthlwyd (Farmhouse) .....	Treharris
II	Pandy Farmhouse .....	Town
II	Tower adjoining Pandy Farmhouse including Clock & Bell .....	Town
II	Barn & attached L-Plan Stable Ranges at Pandy Farm .....	Town
II	Coach-house at Grawen Farm .....	Vaynor
II	Ffrwd Uchaf Farmhouse & attached Outbuilding .....	Vaynor
II	Barn range at Ffrwd Uchaf .....	Vaynor
II	Stable at Grawen Farm .....	Vaynor
II	Grawen Farmhouse .....	Vaynor
II	Barn at Grawen Farm .....	Vaynor
II	Old Farmhouse and adjoining Outbuildings at Dan-y-graig Farm .....	Vaynor
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
II	Limekilns, South of Cefn Bridge .....	Cyfarthfa
II*	Dowlais Works Blast Engine House, High St .....	Dowlais
II	Mile Post on A4102, High St .....	Dowlais

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II	Industrial Building at former Ivor Works .....	Dowlais
II	Dowlais Work Stables, Upper Union St .....	Dowlais
II	NW Ventilation Shaft to Morlais Tunnel .....	Dowlais
II	Centre Ventilation Shaft to Morlais Tunnel .....	Dowlais
II	SE Ventilation Shaft to Morlais Tunnel .....	Dowlais
II	Base of Chimney at Cwm Pit .....	Plymouth
II	Barclays Bank, No. 49 High St .....	Town
II	Lloyds Bank, No. 69 High St, Town .....	Town
II	Flooks, Nos. 49 & 50 Upper High St .....	Town
II	Theatre Royal & Thespian House .....	Town
II	Direction Post near Church of St Gwendoline .....	Vaynor
II	Milestone on A470 near Wyrlod-ddu .....	Vaynor
II	Milestone on A470 near Dan-y-graig .....	Vaynor
II	Milestone on A470 S of Pont Llysiog .....	Vaynor

Note: + No longer in religious use.

## Ancient Monuments

The heritage branch of the Welsh Assembly Government, CADW, compiles lists of ancient monuments in Wales. They can vary from megalithic monuments to industrial archaeological remains. Any works or development which impinge on the scheduled areas requires consent directly from CADW. The full list of ancient monuments as at February 2004 is as follows:



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Community/Ward	Cadw Ref.	Class	Name of Monument & National Grid Ref.
Abercanaid	1/1/7476/Gm572	I	Abercanaid Haystack Boiler - SO 056037
Bedlinog	12/2436/Gm271	PF	Coed Cae round Cairns - ST 093997
Bedlinog	12/2333/Gm260	LE	Dyke 315m E of Tyla-glas - SO 111013
Bedlinog	1/1/1149Gm220	PF	Gelligaer Common Round Cairns - SO 100034
Bedlinog	12/1150/Gm221	PF	Gelligaer Common Standing Stone - SO 103034
Bedlinog	12/2990/Gm314	MS	Platform Houses & Cairn Cemetery on Dinas Noddfa - SO 094031
Bedlinog	12/2992/Gm320	MS	Platform Houses on Coly Uchaf - SO 092024
Bedlinog	1/1/0125/Gm556	RR	Gelligaer Common Roman Road - SO 102034
Cyfarthfa	1/1/7253/Gm554	I	Iron Ore Scours & Patchworkings at Winch Fawr - SO 018068
Cyfarthfa	12/3103/Gm331	I	Ynys Fach Iron Furnaces & Engine House - SO 04530605
Cyfarthfa	12/6510/Gm460	I	Cwmdu Air Shaft - SO 031051
Cyfarthfa	12/6668/Gm495	I	Tramroad Section at Heolgerrig - SO 0314 0621
Gurnos	12/6598/Gm478	I	Gurnos Quarry Tramroad & Leat - SO 03480839 - 03720762
Merthyr Vale	12/2635/Gm286	PF	Brynbychan Round Cairns - ST 063989
Merthyr Vale	12/2437/Gm272	PF	Cefn Merthyr Round Cairns - SO 083001
Merthyr Vale	12/3124/Gm359	I	Penydarren Tram Road a. Tram Road Line - ST 078984 b. Bridge No. 1 - ST 094962 c. Bridge No. 2 - ST 090965 (also recorded under Treharris)

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Community/Ward	Cadw Ref.	Class	Name of Monument & National Grid Ref.
Pant	12/1666/Gm28	MS	Morlais Castle - SO 049096
Pant	1/1/7462/Gm563	PF	Morlais Hill Ring Cairn - SO 052096
Park	12/3503/Gm424	B	Pont Y Cafnau Tramroad Bridge - SO 038071
Park	12/3504/Gm425	I	Remains of Blast Furnaces, Brick Kilns, Enginehouse, Melting House & Boiler, Cyfarthfa Ironworks SO 038068
Park	12/6615/Gm486	B	Iron Canal Bridge from Rhydyar. Now at Chapel Row, Georgetown - SO 9444 0665
Park	12/6599/Gm479	I	Tai Mawr Leat for Cyfarthfa Ironworks SO 03140760 - 03540722
Town	12/2588/Gm283	B	Iron Bridge - moved pending re-erection
Town	12/6613/Gm494	I	Sarn Howell Pond & Watercourse - SO 07480600
Town	12/6669/Gm496	I	Deserted Iron Mining Village, Ffos-y-Fran SO 07080569
Treharris	12/3124/Gm359	I	Penydarren Tram Road - see Merthyr Vale entry
Treharris	12/2435/Gm270	PF	Round Cairns N of Tir Lan - ST 096993
Treharris	12/1626/Gm175	PF	Tir Lan Round Barrows - ST 098991
Troedyrhiw	12/6502/Gm467	I	Cyfarthfa Canal Level - SO 043054 and SO 043055
Troedyrhiw	12/0225/Gm236	PF	Garn Las Earthwork - SO 029038
Troedyrhiw	12/1625/Gm222	PF	Merthyr Common Round Cairns - SO 075050, SO 079033, SO 079039
Vaynor	12/2183/BR118	MS	Cae Burdydd Castle - SO 047102

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<b>Community/Ward</b>	<b>Cadw Ref.</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Name of Monument &amp; National Grid Ref.</b>
Vaynor	12/6941/Gm518	PF	Enclosure East of Nant Cwm Moel (within National Park) - SO 01SW, SO 039113
Vaynor	12/6963/Gm519	PF	Enclosure on Coetgae'r Ychen (within National Park) - SO 01SW, SO 023112
Vaynor	12/0347/Br145	CI	Nant Crew Inscribed Stone (now in Cefn Coed Church) - SO 032081
Vaynor	12/6598/Gm478	I	Gurnos Quarry Tramroad & Leat (also recorded under Gurnos) - SO 034083, SO 037076

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## Conservation Areas

The Civic Amenities Act of 1967 made provision for the protection of areas in towns and villages where buildings and features of architectural, historic and environmental quality combine to produce a notably special character worth preserving. These areas were to be designated by the Local Planning Authority as 'Conservation Areas'. In Merthyr Tydfil there are three Conservation Areas, at Cwmfelin in the village of Bedlinog, at Thomastown to the east of the town centre and at Dowlais. Once a Conservation Area has been designated, buildings and trees within it are subject to special control. New buildings or alterations to existing are not prevented, but they must be of a high standard of design, with good quality materials. Outline applications are not usually accepted. With certain exemptions, buildings and structures may not be demolished without consent, whether they be listed or not, and trees may not be lopped or felled without six weeks notice of intention being given to the Council. Permitted Development rights in Conservation Areas are more restricted than they are outside Conservation Areas. All applications for development in Conservation Areas which could, if permitted, have a material effect on its character, should be advertised in the local press. This is at the discretion of the County Borough Council.

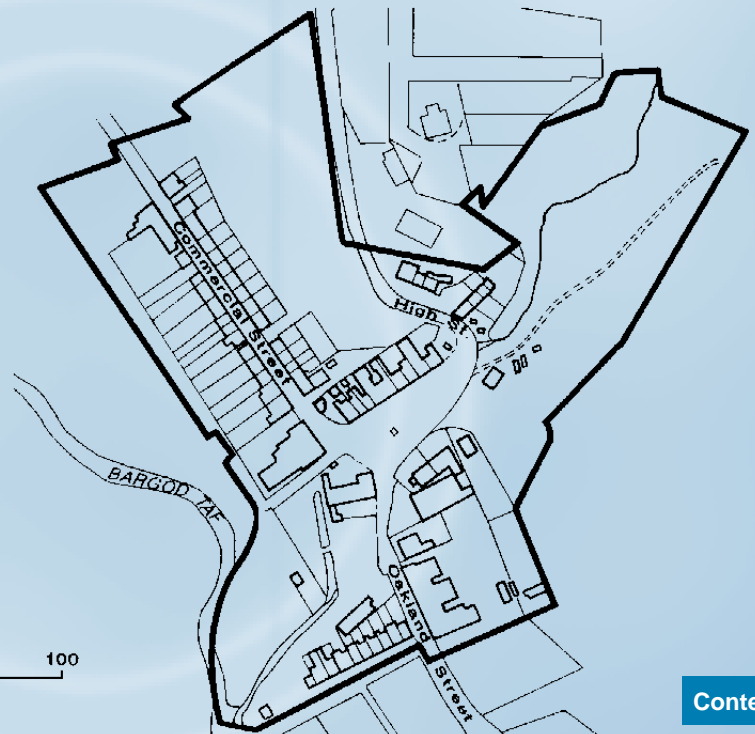
It is important that all new development should improve and enhance the special architectural and visual qualities of the area, particularly in terms of scale, design, materials and the spaces existing and created between buildings.

## Conservation Area Consent

Buildings in Conservation Areas, even if they are not listed, are subject to control. Depending on their size, 'Conservation Area Consent' may be required for their demolition. Anyone wishing to demolish a building in a conservation area is advised to contact the Planning Division to establish whether consent is needed.

## Cwmfelin Conservation Area

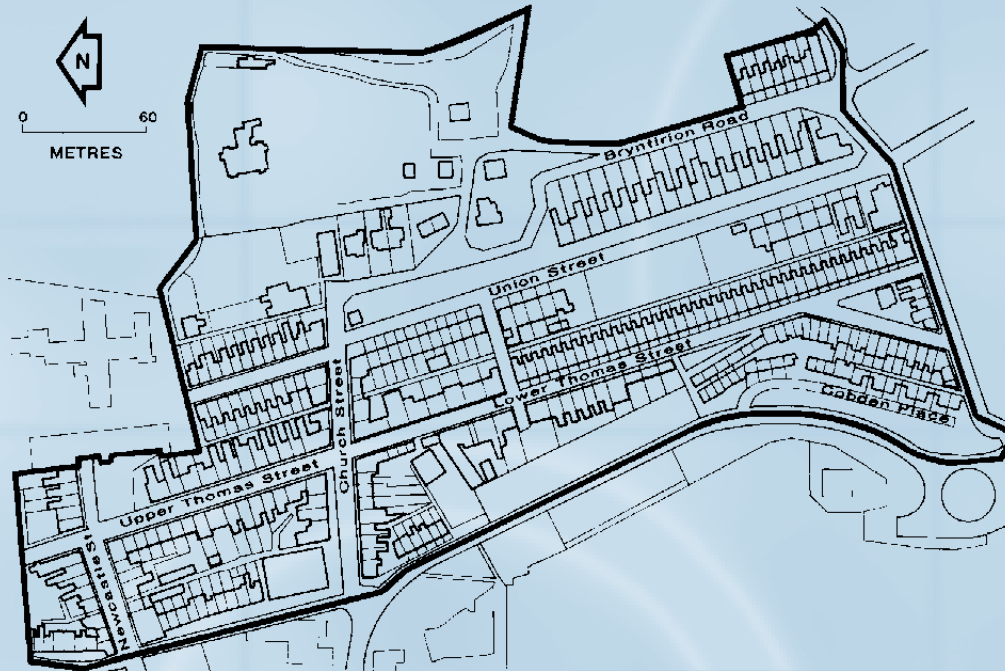
The area was designated in 1973 and contains a village square and early industrial workers housing grouped around the Bedlinog Inn. The inn itself is typically late Georgian, probably dating from around 1780. Commercial Street meanwhile, dates from between 1820 and 1840.



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## Thomastown Conservation Area

The area was designated in 1978 and contains one of the largest groups of late Georgian and early Victorian style buildings in Wales. Many of the buildings are listed, and are laid out in a grid-iron pattern on a relatively steep slope overlooking the town centre. Many of the facades are unified and classical in design with prominent buildings at corner locations.



## Dowlais Conservation Area

The area was designated in 1998, and possesses high quality examples of industrial, social and religious architecture dating from the nineteenth century. At this time Dowlais was at the heart of the economic success that characterised the industrial revolution throughout Britain.

The Council has also agreed, in principle, to the designation of six further Conservation Areas at Quakers Yard, Abercanaid, Upper Abercanaid, Chapel Row (Georgetown), Brecon Road & The Quar, Morgantown & Pontmorlais.

