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**TIR GOFAL MANAGEMENT PLAN:  
HERITAGE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
(Call Out)**

**Prepared for: Berllan Dywyll**

**Tir Gofal Reference No: W/12/4049**



*The site of a former mansion named Porthwryd lies just to the right of the hedge. Berllan Dywyll, to the left of the photograph was built to replace it.*

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## **Introduction**

A call out visited was requested by the CCW Tir Gofal Project Officer in order to assess the likely impact of a new cattle track being created alongside the hedgerow south of the farmstead of Berllan Dywyll.

This report responds to management concerns regarding a specific site, it does not provide management advice for all known sites on the farm, for these recommendations please refer to the Historic Environment Report 1 (HE1).

## **Site History**

The site of a former mansion named Porthwryd lies just immediately to the west of the existing road below the current farmhouse of Berllan Dywyll (PRN 14325) shown on the enclosed map. Occupants of Porthwryd mansion are recorded from the mid 14th century. The mansion was renamed 'Berllandywyll' in the 17<sup>th</sup> century when it was recorded to have 4 hearths. The present house was built to replace it in the 18th century (Jones 1987, 8).

## **Archaeological Remains**

A building platform is clearly distinguishable as a rectangular earthwork forming a flat terrace in the natural south facing slope. No upstanding remains of the house survive in this field, but part of a stone retaining wall is still visible below a mature oak tree. On the north side of the road a length of high brick wall survives which appears to relate to the earlier mansion – its orientation relates to the earlier house rather than the existing dwelling - and may be a garden wall or surrounding, boundary wall.



*The terraced platform on which the earlier mansion of Porthwryd stood. The proposed trackway will be created tight up against the hedgerow on the left of the photograph.*



*A masonry retaining wall survives at the southern end of the terraced platform*

Whilst there is little upstanding evidence of the former house in the field to the south of the road it is clear that archaeological deposits survive in this area and, as apparent from the outline of structures lying just below the turf, lies very close to the ground surface.

### **Proposals**

It is proposed that a track is created from the gateway in the north corner of the field to follow the line of the hedge in a southeasterly direction to join up with an existing trackway which runs to the southwest, thereby skirting the very edge of the field. The track would be 2 – 2.5 metres wide and would provide a route for the dairy herd to gain access to pasture in the lower fields to the southwest, which would minimise the use of the public road. The track will be fenced off with a simple temporary electric fence.

### **Recommendations**

The alternative route following the northern field boundary has been discounted as it would entail the removal of mature trees which border an area identified by Cadw and ICOMOS in the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens, as ‘Essential setting’ in relation to the country house of Aberglasney (Cadw 2002, 2).

The primary consideration in the construction of this trackway is the preservation of the sensitive archaeological remains of the former mansion house. To ensure the survival of buried archaeological remains no ground disturbance should be undertaken in the area identified on the attached map.

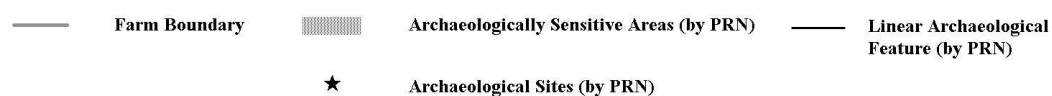
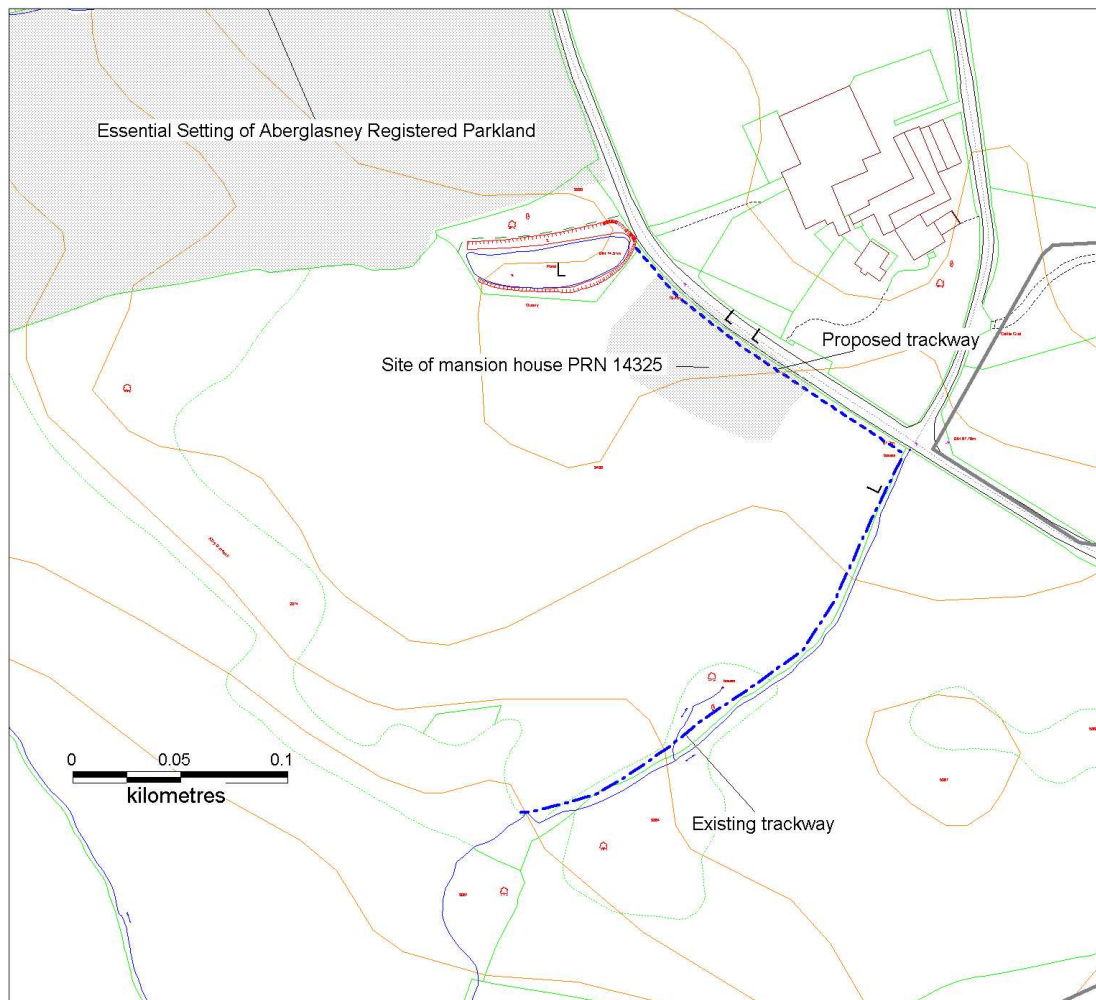
In order to create a track 2-2.5 m across the ground surface would have to be terraced. It is recommended therefore that to achieve a level track the ground surface is made up and that no removal of the existing ground surface is undertaken. The trackway should be constructed by increasing the height of the ground level and terracing the slope upwards.

Any problems should be discussed with Cambria Archaeology.

## REFERENCES

Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments and ICOMOS. 1998. *Register of Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest In Wales*

Jones F 1987. *Historic Carmarthenshire Homes and their Families*



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