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Dear Laura,

Mwche

Thank you for your consultation and apologies for the delay responding to you. As regional archaeological curators the Heritage Management team at Dyfed (DAT-HM) provide information, advice and assistance in understanding, appreciating and managing the historic environment. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on these proposals for habitat creation at Mwche.

The Welsh archaeological trusts hold the regional Historic Environment Records (HER) which contain information on known sites and artefacts of archaeological and/or historical interest ranging in date from the earliest known human habitation up to the end of the Cold War. It also contains information on archaeological work carried out. The HER is a dynamic record and is updated constantly when new information becomes available.

As you mention the area lies within the Taf and Tywi Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest (HLW (D)9) and has been described as the following historic landscape character area;

Taf Valley Reclaimed Marsh HLCA 146

<https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/EstuaryArea/area146.htm>

This describes how the former marsh was drained following the construction of the seawall (PRN 29979) in 1812. This seawall now divides the saltmarsh to the west from the reclaimed farmland to the east. Following the construction of the seawall a series of drains or ditches have been introduced over the last 200 years to 'enclose' the land into fields. The seawall is a significant historic landscape feature and therefore any intervention with this feature will require further archaeological assessment.

I hope these comments are helpful for this initial screening, if you would like to discuss anything further please do get in touch.

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