



21st September 2023

Dear Doug,

NRW Screening Request FLA160 23-24 - Cefngweiriog.

Thank you for your felling licence consultation. I have reviewed the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and note the application borders the Neuadd Llwyd mining complex:

PRN 5445 NEUADD-LLWYD POST MEDIEVAL LEAD MINE SN6823993406

The Neuadd Llywn or Bryndyfi lead mine and ore processing works was built in 1881 and is shown in its full state on the Ordnance Survey map 1st edition (1888). Despite a promising start only 24 tons of lead ore were sold and operations were suspended in 1890.

The surviving remains are concentrated in four main areas with other associated features spread around the wider landscape. To the north is an area of mine workings, including shafts, levels and spoil heaps. This is connected via a tramway (PRN 100033) to the ore processing area. In this area there are two large ponds with sluices and water management features, an office building, powder magazine and tramway. The ore works themselves are a SAM (Cd126).

To the southwest is a further area of mine workings including a level mine shaft and spoil tips.

On the hillside to the east are two stone quarries which provided the stone for building the mines and ore works.

The whole area was surveyed in 1993 (Protheroe-Jones, 1993) and 39 individual features were identified resulting in 15 PRNs on the DAT HER database. The site was also visited in 2003 for Tir Gofal, which produced a further 8 PRN records on the data base.

Remains of the mining landscape and ore works can be clearly seen on aerial photographs (Next perspectives, 2009). The wider area is open moorland and the structural remains of ore works, and ancillary buildings lie within woodland.

I have noted the following features within the application area:

PRN 100033 NEUADD-LLWYD MINE POST MEDIEVAL SN6889093740

The Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (1888) records a tramway passing through the woodland of Coed Neuadd-Llwyd linking the shafts, levels, and spoil tips of Neuadd-Llwyd mine with its reservoirs, ore bins and a crusher house to the south.

The course of the tramway is visible as a narrow, level linear cut around the hillside. For the most part the tramway is a clearly visible linear feature approximately 2.5 metres wide, although the central part of the tramway is overgrown with brambles and bracken. A. Pyper, 2003.

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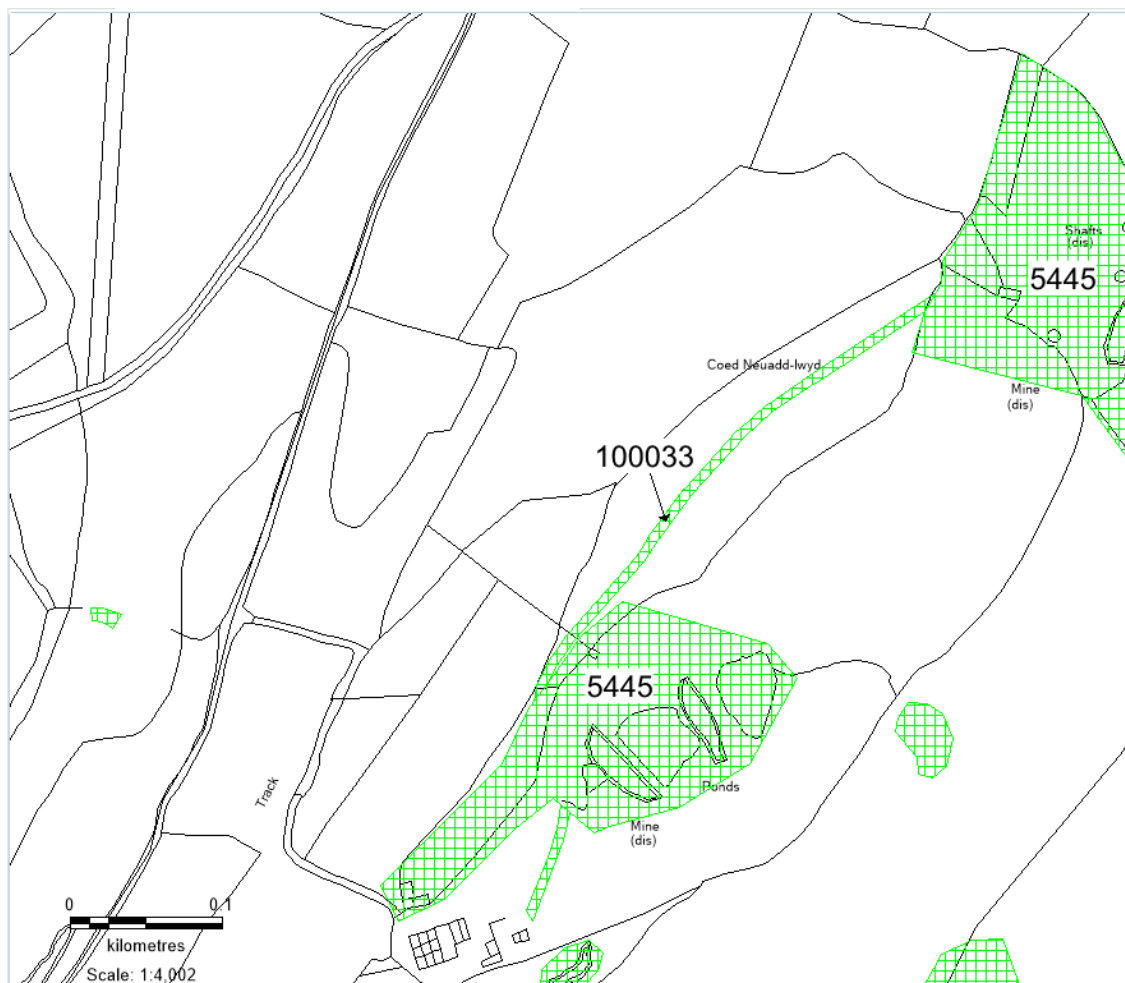
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The current condition of these features is unknown; however, they may survive as ruins, earthworks or below ground archaeology. We advise that these historic environment features (labelled on the map above and marked with a green polygon) are protected from damage during forest operations, to comply with UKFS Forests and the historic environment guidance.

There is always the possibility for previously unknown remains to survive within this area of which we have no knowledge. Should further archaeological features or finds be identified it is important that Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

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