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Dear Alicia,

# **Little Pencoed Beaver Enclosure**

Thank you for your consultation, I have reviewed the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and note the following historic environment features recorded within the consultation area;

PRN	Site Name	Summary	Description	Period	Туре	NGR
106311	Foxenhole Plantation	An area of woodland is labelled 'OLD SHAFTS' on the 1921 Ordnance Survey Geological Survey map. A.Day. March 2015.	Modern aerial photography shows that the area is still densely wooded, so aboveground remains may still exist. Not visited during 2015 fieldwork. A.Day. March 2015.  An area of woodland is labelled 'OLD SHAFTS' on the 1921 Geological Survey map. K Murphy 2014	POST MEDIEV AL	Coal Workings	SN04950748
7870	Foxenhole Plantation	A spoil tip or similar earthwork, presumably associated with 19th century coal mining in this area, shown on historic mapping. F Murphy 2015	A spoil tip or similar earthwork, presumably associated with 19th century coal mining in this area, is shown on the 2nd edition OS 1907 1:2500 map. Modern aerial photography shows that the area is still densely wooded, so above-ground remains may still exist. Not visited during 2015 fieldwork. Roughly 50m to the southeast is an area labelled 'OLD SHAFTS' on the 1921 Geological Survey map (PRN 106311). F Murphy 2015.  Spoil tip of former coal pit or pits at Foxenhole Plantation, probably of 18th century date. HJ May 1999	POST MEDIEV AL	Coal Workings	SN049075

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103381	Oak Hill	'Old coal pit' recorded on the 1865 1st edition Ordnance	Modern aerial photography shows trees in this location at the edge of a field of	POST MEDIEV AL	Coal Pit;Coal Workings	SN04810774
		Survey map. One of several coal working sites in the vicinity of Oak Hill. A.Day. March 2015.	improved pasture, so above-ground remains may still exist. One of several coal working sites in the vicinity of Oak Hill.Not visited during 2015 fieldwork.  A.Day. March 2015.			
			'Old coal pit' recorded on the 1865 1st edition Ordnance Survey map. Not shown on subsequent mapping (M.Ings, 2012)			
106324	Oak Hill	An area in woodland labelled 'SHAFTS' and 'ADIT' on the 1921 Geological Survey map. One of several coal working sites in the vicinity of Oak Hill. A.Day. March 2015.	Modern aerial photography shows trees in this location at the edge of a field of improved pasture, so above-ground remains may still exist. One of several coal working sites in the vicinity of Oak Hill.Not visited during 2015 fieldwork. A.Day. March 2015.	POST MEDIEV AL	Coal Workings	SN04510809
			An area in woodland labelled 'SHAFTS' and 'ADIT' on the 1921 Geological Survey map.			

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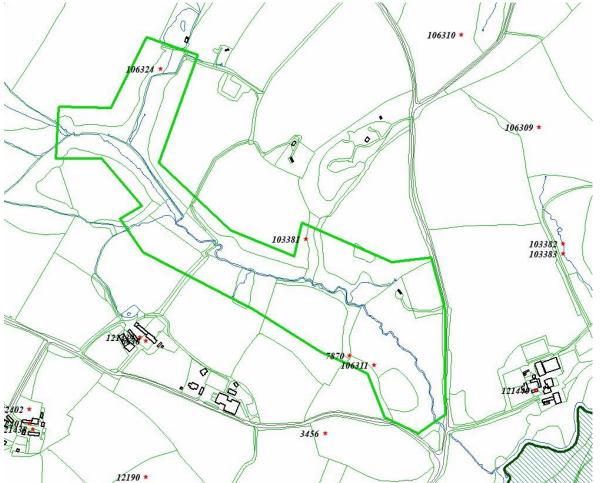


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In addition the downstream part of the consultation area lies within a historic landscape character area of Cresswell Quay (HLCA335 / PRN43911) full description can be found here: <a href="https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/milford/area/335.htm">https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/milford/area/335.htm</a>. To summarise this is a 'mixed historic landscape area united by its former coal mining industry and distinctive settlement pattern, that contrasts with the surrounding farmland'.

As you mention there are no scheduled monuments or listed buildings within the proposed enclosure, but there are likely to be remains of old coal workings which probably survive as earthwork pits and spoil tips. Unfortunately we have no information on their extent or current condition. A site visit might be helpful to establish what survives and if there is likely to be any impact from the beavers' activity.

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