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Dear Lynn,

# NRW Screening Request FLA 23 23-24 Coed Llwyn Drain.

Thank you for your consultation. I have checked the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and there are no known historic environment features recorded within the consultation area.

However, the following have been recorded within the area, but their locations have not been confirmed. If any discoveries are made on the site, it is important that Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management is informed, and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

#### PRN 33898 POST MEDIEVAL SETTLEMENT SN06411618 Settlement grew up around 19th century woollen mill, (From the SPARC leaflet). MJ Mar 1997.

## PRN 33900

## MODERN PRISON OF WAR CAMP

Drim Wood was established as a working camp for interned civilian Prisoners of War in the First World War. The following description is based on the report of an inspection. It opened on August 10th 1918 for prisoners who had volunteered for work in the country, especially forestry work. It consisted of a hut camp, every hut was up-to-date with accommodation for 20-24 internees. Each had a wooden bedstead, straw-filled mattress and four blankets. Other huts included an Office, Officers' Mess and Quarters, kitchen, provisions stores, one for drying clothes and another for baths and washing. Paths were laid out with wooden planks. Its exact location is not clear, though it is described as being on ground belonging to the farm of Drim Wood on the eastern bank of the the River Cleddau, other references mention it was at Gelli.

At the time of inspection in 14th January 1919 there were about 90 prisoners of which 34 were Austro-Hungarian, the rest German. The work consisted of cutting timber in nearby woods for which they were paid. When visited in 1919 it was reported that there was much discontent, insubordination, escapes and insolent behaviour with punishments including 7-14 days detention. The Internees reported that there was much frustration at their continued internment. The report's conclusion was that these prisoners should be repatriated as soon as possible. A Pyper based on FO 383/478 Report on inspection of Working Camp at Drim Wood, Pembrokeshire

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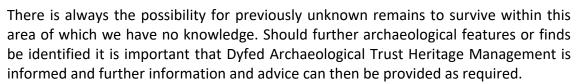
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