

26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Bev,

## NRW Screening Request FLA328 23-24 Glandy Cross Wood

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 that the application lies within the Historic Landscape Area of Preseli HLW (D) 7. This landscape is rich in significant prehistoric archaeology, including neolithic and bronze age funerary and ritual monuments.

https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/Preseli/area/area266.htm

I note the following historic environment features which have recently been assessed during an Archaeological Watching Brief by Mola (Sleep 2023, ERN 130494):

PRN9768TROED Y RHIW POST MEDIEVAL WALLSN13652735A series of walls, in an area of heathland full of Gorse + heather and surrounded by smallto large blackthorn trees. Walls are of a probable post mediaeval date and are probablyold-field boundary walls. AS Maull 1984.

PRN130496 TROED Y RHIW PREHISTORIC STANDING STONE SN1355727299 A possible standing stone was discovered during a Watching Brief by MOLA Bristol in 2023. The stone stands at 1.56 m tall by 0.95 m wide. The form and position appeared similar to that of PRN 9757 and as such it is reasonable to assume it could be of Prehistoric origin. J. Smith based on B. Sleep 2023.

Although not within the consultation area, the Bronze Age Standing stone (PRN9757) and the prehistoric burnt mound (PRN9767) are close by and must also be protected from damage when forestry operations commence.

PRN9757 TROES Y RHIW BRONZE AGE STANDING STONE SN13602717 Standing stone of a possible bronze age date. situated near the edge of a field used as Heath. The field is very stony and has two more upright stones to the west of this stone of uncertain function. A large natural stone outcrop occurs in a field north of the standing stone. A. S. Maull 1984.

Unable to access and assess the site during the PFRS Project due to dense vegetation cover. N Bestley PFRS 2001.

PRN9767FFYNNON-LWYD PREHISTORIC BURNT MOUNDSN13622718Just inside the access gap bulldozed by Fynnon Plant through the field in which PRN9757stands and the unenclosed moor to the E was a spread of apparently burnt stone which

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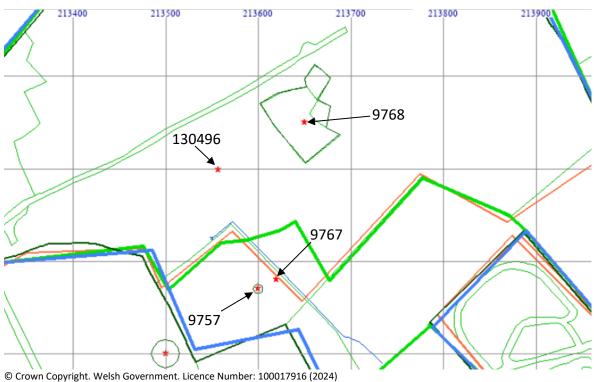
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may represent a demolished burnt mound; a watercourse is adjacent and the whole area rather boggy. However, it is possible that the reddish colour of the stone might be due to natural iron staining of stone at the bottom of leached soil horizons. PA Ward 1981. No trace of a Hearth could be found. AS Maull 1984.



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We advise that these historic environment features (labelled on the map above and marked with a red star) are protected from damage during forest operations, to comply with UKFS Forests and the historic environment guidance. We advise that any trees growing within a 10 meter buffer of each feature are carefully felled to avoid damage to the historic features. Any plans for restocking should consider introducing a permanent margin of broadleaf trees around the archaeologically sensitive areas.

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 Archaeology Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

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