

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Karen,

**NRW Screening Request FLA354 23-24 Parc Cynog**

Thank you for your felling licence consultation. I have checked the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and note the consultation area is close to the Scheduled Monument Pant-Glas Camp (CM137) therefore Cadw must be consulted. I am coping this response to Louise Mees Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Archaeology (South West Wales).

I also note the following features:

PRN8502                      CASTLE PARK IRON AGE ENCLOSURE                      SN25251000  
This evidence for this defended enclosure site is limited. The RCAHM in 1917 refers to '...certain earthworks having been removed within living memory' at this location and that the field is listed in the Tithe Schedule as 'Castle Park'. The aerial photographic evidence for an enclosure in this area is ambiguous, and no trace of any earthwork was visible on the ground in 2007.

The position of this putative defended enclosure is on the edge of a southeast facing scarp slope at 150m above sea level that drops steeply to a stream below. On the opposing side of the valley is the scheduled Iron Age defended enclosure of Parc Cynog (PRN 3843). The site lies within fields under pasture.

F Murphy and R Ramsey 13 January 2008

PRN22369                      POST MEDIEVAL COTTAGE                      SN24920978  
Cottage shown on parish tithe map, but no trace is visible on 1946 RAF Aps. RPS August 2001.

A cottage is identified on the Tithe map (1841) and listed in the apportionment of Park Kennock as a cottage and garden. By the time of the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map the cottage has gone and only the outline of the enclosure remains. A. Pyper 2002.

PRN22368                      POST MEDIEVAL COTTAGE                      SN25531013  
Cottage shown on parish tithe map, but no trace is visible on 1946 RAF APs. RPS August 2001.

No trace of the cottage is recorded on the 1st edition OS map and would appear to have been abandoned by that point.

A cottage is identified on the Tithe map (1841) and listed in the apportionment of Pentre Farm as a cottage and garden. By the time of the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map (1891) the cottage has gone and only the outline of the enclosure remains. A. Pyper 2002.

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PRN44338

PARC CYNOG POST MEDIEVAL POND

SN25811017

A large pond at the bottom of the valley has been created by a causeway, which takes the farm track across the valley floor. Although this area has always been marshy it seems that the pond appears as a mapped feature in the 20th century. (Pyper, A. 2001).

PRN22378

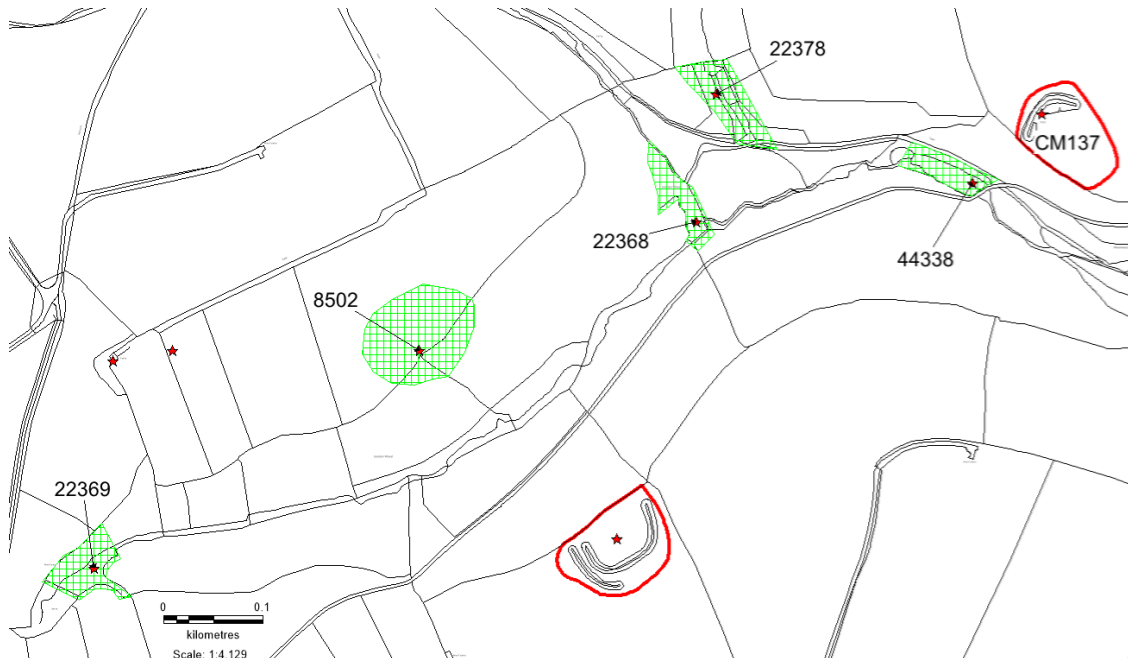
POST MEDIEVAL COTTAGE

SN25551026

Cottage shown on parish tithe map, but only enclosure boundaries are shown in 1907 6" maps. Present condition unknown. RPS August 2001.

Two cottages are identified on the Tithe map (1841) and listed in the apportionment of Colston Farm. On the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map (1891) the site is named Cwm-hesp although it is unclear what buildings are extant at this time. By the time of the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map (1907) the buildings are no longer shown however the enclosure is still visible.

The mapping evidence shows enclosures beside the stream that runs down from Colston farm, where reputedly a mill was in operation for which the millstones (PRN 11094) are evident at Parc Cynog farm. These enclosures, although referred to as cottages at the time of the Tithe survey, may have operated as a mill at one time. A.Pyper 2002.



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

The consultation area also lies with the Historic Landscape Character Area of Westmead Wood.

<https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/EstuaryArea/area140.htm>

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 Heneb – The Trust for Welsh Archaeology Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

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