



9th October 2023

Dear Lynn,

NRW Screening Request FLA154 23-24 Capel Isaf.

Thank you for your felling licence consultation. I have reviewed the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and the application lies within the Registered Historic Landscape Tywi Valley HLW (D) 5, and Historic Landscape Character Area of Cwmifor–Manordeilo <https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/HLCTowy/area/area201.htm#:~:text=The%20Cwm-lfor%20-%20Manordeilo%20character,50%20m%20and%2090%20m>.

I have also noted the following features:

PRN11089 TOWY VALLEY ROAD ROMAN ROAD SN6000020000

This PRN has been assigned to the stretch of RR 623 (PRN 3419) which runs between Carmarthen and Llandovery. Following recent plotting of cropmarks from aerial photographic survey, the route of the road on this stretch is now quite well defined. RR623 continues from Llandovery towards Castle Collen.DS.09.2004.

Indications of the Roman road between Carmarthen and Llandovery identified during an examination of Aerial Photographs by Terry and Heather James. (EGH 2003).

PRN1 BRONZE AGE HOARD SN6595025240

Hoard of Bronze Age gold jewellery during the excavation of a sewer trench in 1976.

A hoard of Bronze Age gold jewellery consisting of 3 complete armlets, a cuff-like armlet and a fragment of twisted wire (torc or neck collar). The armlets date between 1200 and 900BC. The items were found under a large glacial boulder when workmen excavated a sewer trench in 1976. The find was declared Treasure Trove, and the armlets are currently in the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff.

PRN876 CAPEL ISAF MEDIEVAL CHAPEL SN66082527

The exact location and character of this site are uncertain. It was a medieval chapel-of-ease to Llandeilo Fawr parish in the hamlet of Lower Maenordeilo. It was in ruins in the early 19th century. According to Francis Jones the hall of the house known as Capel Isa incorporates part of the chapel. However, Ordnance Survey maps mark the site of the chapel on the lawns to the southeast of the house. There is nothing to indicate the former presence of a chapel on the lawns. K Murphy March 2011, compiled from several sources.

The chapel will have occupied an enclosure, but its location, size, extent, and boundaries.

PRN24937 POST MEDIEVAL MANSION SN6607225291

An 18th Century house originally part of the Abermarlais estate. The hall is said to incorporate part of the old chapel in it. F. Jones.

This address is recorded as the location of a Red Cross Working Party during the First World War under the name of Mrs E Illtyd Warren. These working parties and supply depots made and organised hospital clothing and dressings for wounded soldiers. A Pyper 2017.

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PRN60927 POST MEDIEVAL STABLE SN6606125286
 Attached Stable Range to W of Capel Isaf, Cwm Ifor. Grade II listed stable.

PRN102723 MEDIEVAL HOLY WELL SN66012527

Well located within the grounds of a 18th/19th century house, Capel Isaf (PRN 24937), once the site of a medieval chapel-of-ease. It is recorded on the 1906 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map. Maintained as a domestic water supply (M.Ings, 2012).

The site was visited during the Holy Wells 2012: additional sites project. The well is located to the west of the house, just on the edge of woodland above a stream. It comprises a stone well house, set into a bank, with an arched brick facade and brick capping. An iron gate protects the entrance. There is a pump within the well chamber to supply the house. Concrete kerbing helps to channel the overflow to the nearby stream. A mature yew tree grows to the northeast of the well and further springs are located within the woodland behind. The owner believes Capel Isaf to have been a daughter chapel of Talley Abbey and that it was a stopping point on the pilgrim's route to St Davids. It is possible that the current house preserves fabric of the medieval chapel (M.Ings, 2012).

PRN129577 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6604525242
 Building recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129578 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6594525349
 Building recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129579 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6600525346
 Building recorded on 1st Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129580 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6601625352
 Building recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129581 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6601725358
 Building recorded on 1st Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129582 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6603825343
 Building recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129583 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6606425342
 Building recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129584 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6604925348
 Building recorded on 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN129585 POST MEDIEVAL PARK BOUNDARY SN6605725287
 Undesignated parkland around Mansion recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

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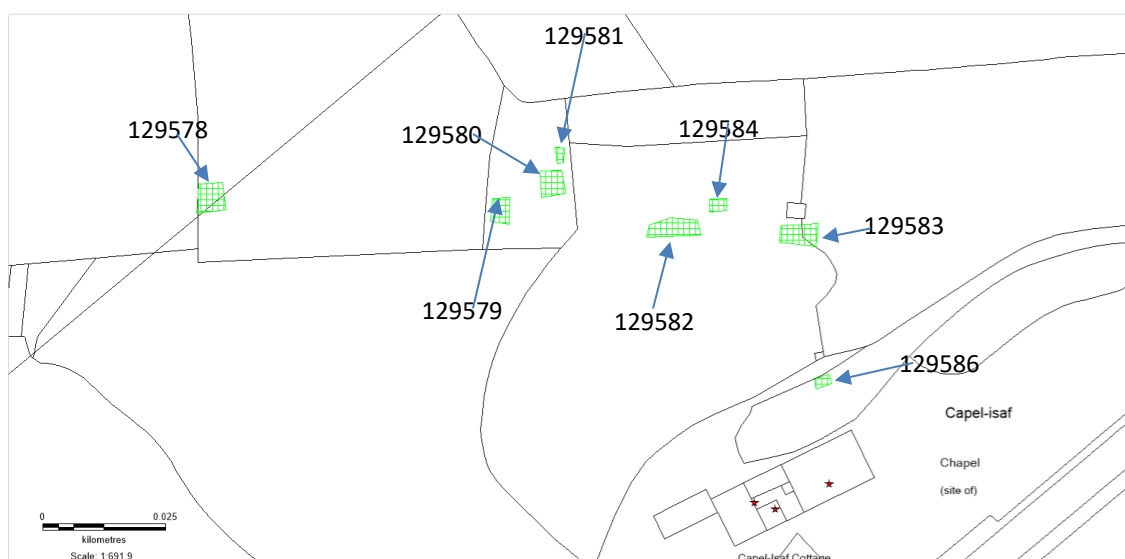


PRN129586 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6607125312
Outbuilding recorded on 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

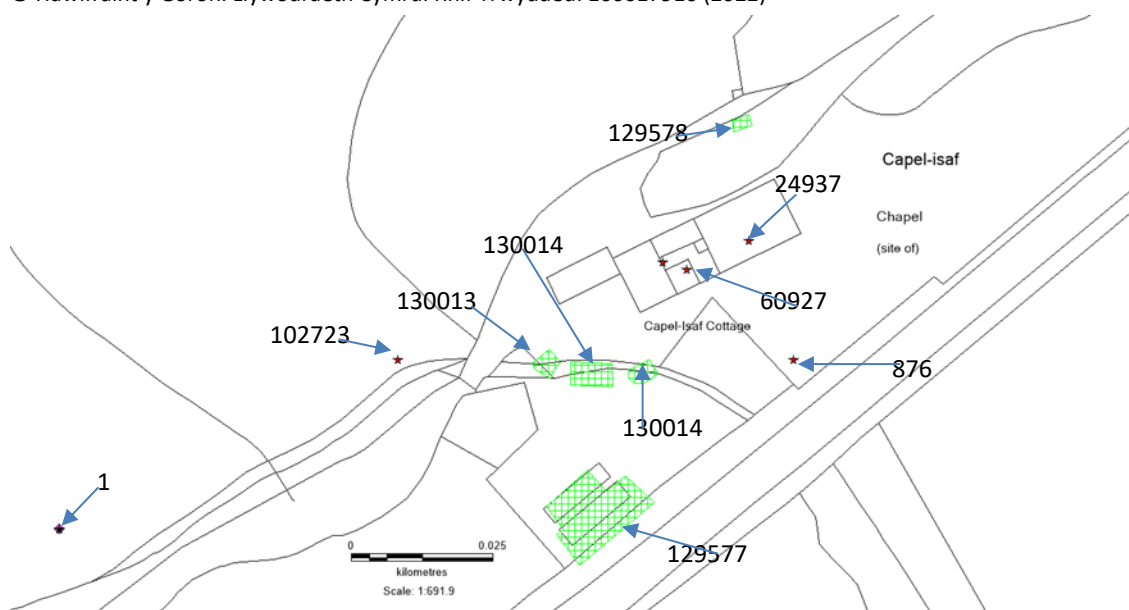
PRN130013 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6603625269
Outbuilding recorded on 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN130014 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6604525267
Outbuilding recorded on 1st and 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.

PRN130015 POST MEDIEVAL OUTBUILDING SN6605325268
Outbuilding recorded on 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey Map. A. Powell 2023.



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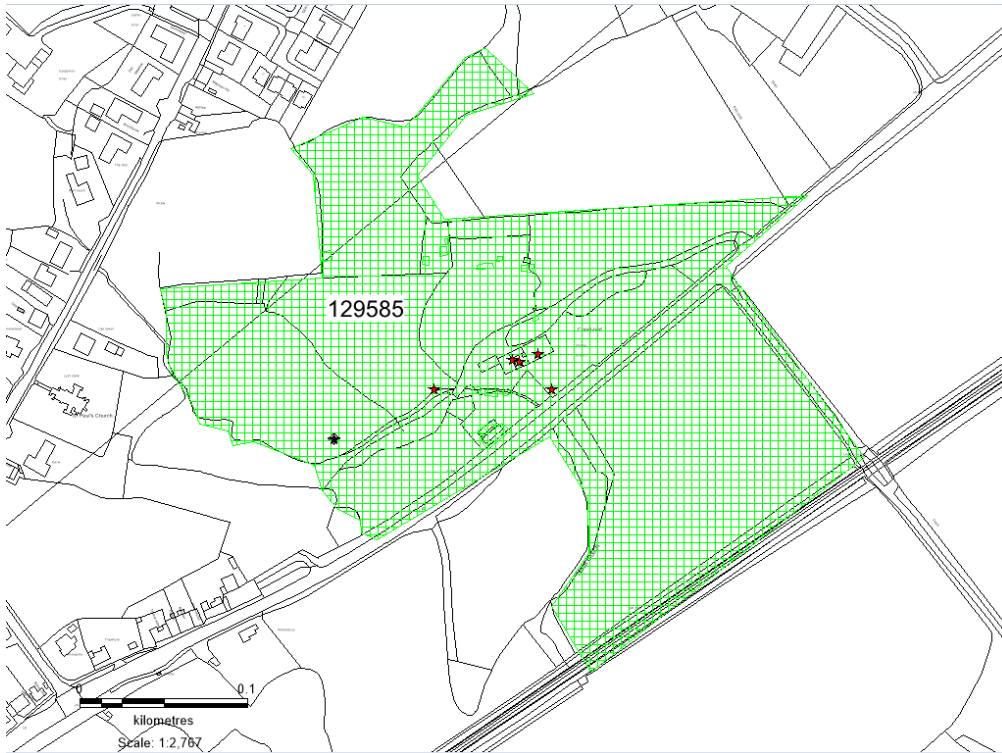
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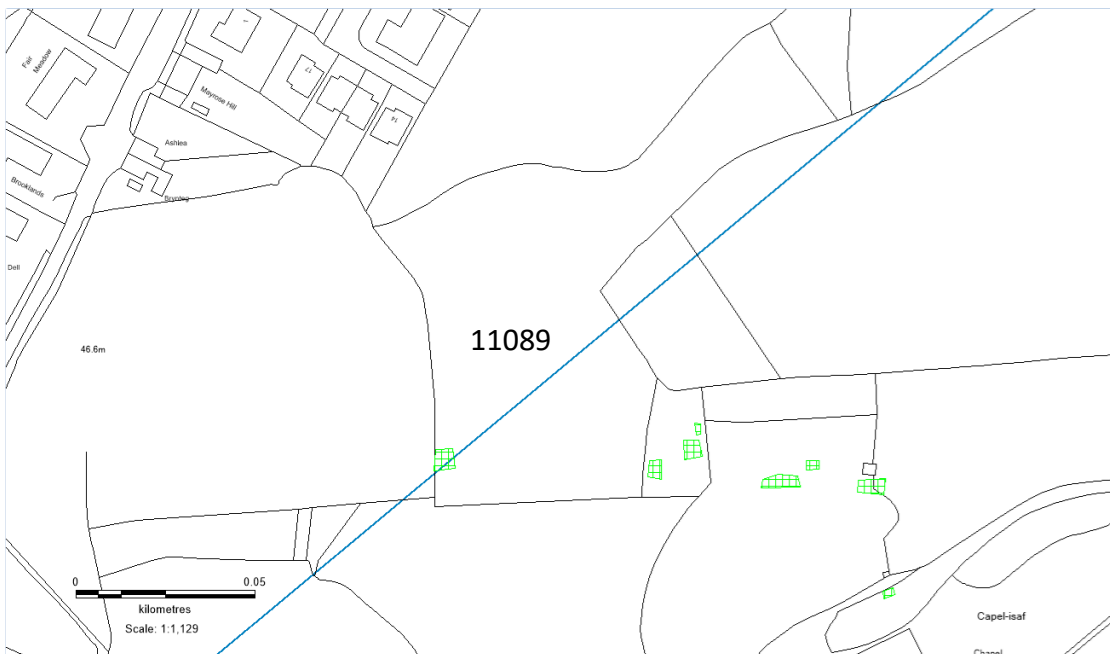


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The current condition of these features is unknown; however, they may survive as ruins, earthworks or below ground archaeology. We advise that these historic environment features (labelled on the map above and marked with green polygons, red stars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

The application is close to the site of a Bronze Age coin hoard (PRN1) and is between two certain stretches of a Roman road with a probable part of this road cutting through the consultation area (PRN11089 marked as a blue line on the map above). The application also sits within the undesignated parkland for the mansion (PRN129585). Any future restocking should take inspiration from the historic maps.

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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