

Our ref: HM312

NRW Screening Request FLA120 24-25 Wstrws

04 October 2024

Dear Peter Jones,

Thank you for your consultation regarding the felling licence application near Ffostrasol. I have reviewed the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources.

Archaeological Assets

While there are no archaeological assets within the application area, I noted two features immediately outside it:

- **PRN 29493:** A dwelling recorded on the 1st edition OS map, no longer extant. The site includes four small enclosures to the west, with another detached enclosure showing cultivation ridges, suggesting early 20th-century enclosure. The current condition of these features is unknown, but they may survive as ruins, earthworks, or below-ground archaeology. Care should be taken to protect these features from damage during forest operations to comply with UKFS Forests and the historic environment guidance. We also advise that no restocking occurs over this area.
- **Crug Bach (Scheduled Monument, Ref: CD086):** This is a round barrow located immediately adjacent to the entrance of the application area, south of the track. Described as 16m in diameter and 1.35m high, the monument shows evidence of shallow pits and wheel ruts, indicating past disturbances. The barrow is overgrown, with signs of rubbish, tree roots, and gorse posing ongoing threats to the site, as such its significance may not be easily recognisable. As a scheduled monument, it is legally protected, and it is a criminal offence to cause damage to it.

To protect Crug Bach during forestry operations, we recommend a buffer zone of at least 20m around the monument where no activities should occur. A visual

barrier should be placed around the buffer to prevent accidental incursions. While this buffer may encompass the main trackway into the forest, the trackway itself can be excluded from the buffer if necessary.

Further Recommendations

It is important to note that, while we have made these recommendations regarding the scheduled site, any comments or requirements from Cadw, the statutory body for the protection of scheduled monuments, would take precedence. Therefore, please ensure that this consultation is also forwarded to Cadw for their input.

There is always the possibility of previously unknown archaeological remains within the area. Should additional features or artefacts be identified during operations, please inform Henneb – The Trust for Welsh Archaeology, Heritage Management, Dyfed region, so that we can provide further guidance.

Please note that I am cc'ing Louise Mees of Cadw, the Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Archaeology, to keep her informed of the operations near Crug Bach.

Please find attached a map for reference, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or require additional information.

Best regards,

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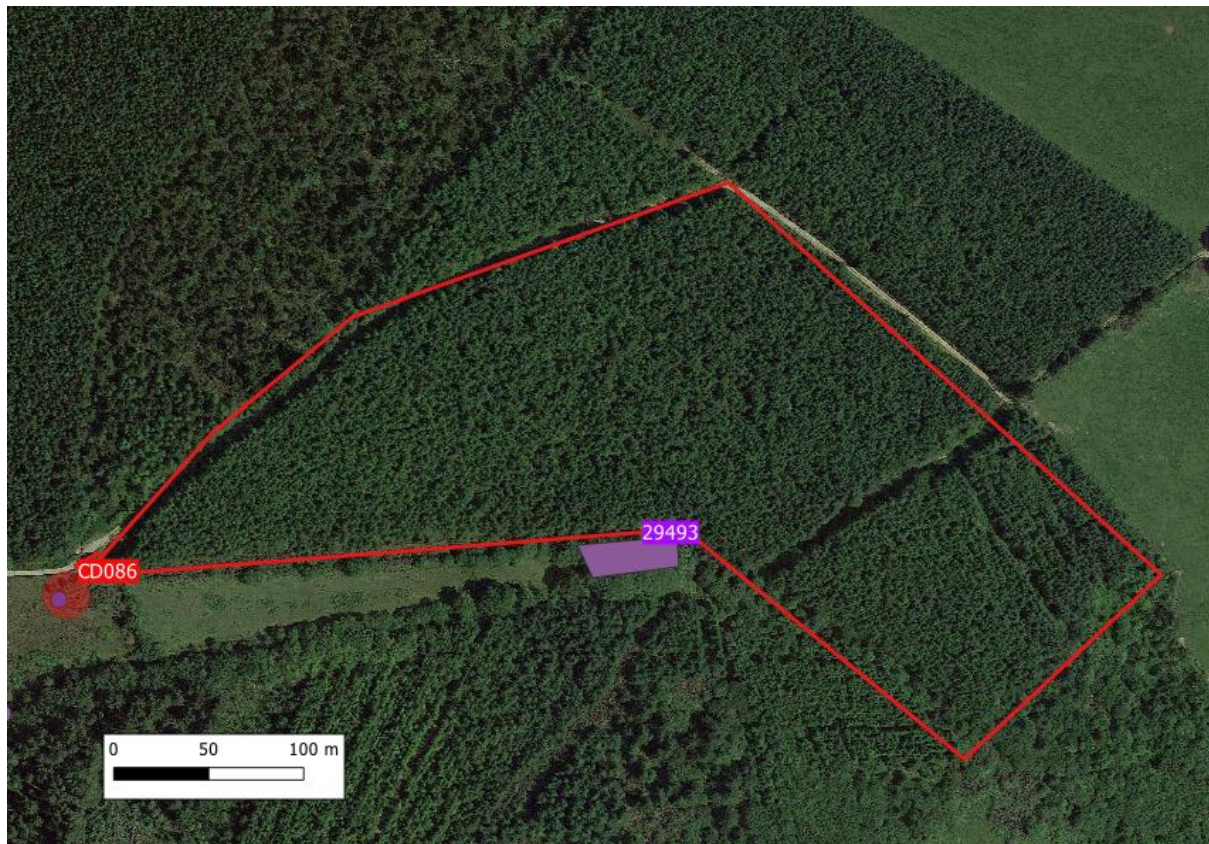
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