

Our Ref: HM379

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Consultation Response for Felling Licence Application – Denant Wood (FLA 196 24-25)

Dear Peter Jones,

Thank you for consulting us regarding the felling licence application for Denant Wood. Having reviewed the Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources, against the map provided, I note the following:

1. PRN 5810 – Denant Promontory Fort Scheduled Monument (PE215)

Denant is an Iron Age inland promontory fort designated as a Scheduled Monument (PE215).

- The applicant must consult **Louise Mees**, Cadw's Inspector for southwest Wales, to ensure operations do not impact this monument.

2. Additional Historic Environment Records in the Area

Several additional assets have been identified within the application area:

- PRN 130903: A quarry from the Post-Medieval period (NGR SM9215612589).
- PRN 130904: A Post-Medieval rectangular building (NGR SM9235413070).
- PRN 120013: Winsel Farm, a Post-Medieval farmstead (NGR SM9241213126).
- PRN 130902: A Post-Medieval Mill Race (NGR: SM9225513304).

The current condition of these feature is unknown; they may survive as ruins, earthworks or below ground archaeology. To comply with UKFS *Forests and the Historic Environment* guidance, it is essential these features (labelled on the attached map) are protected from damage during forestry operations.

Recommendations

In order to comply with the UKFS and Tree Felling Licence environmental conditions (The Licence holder must not damage historic features on the site; Annex 1 – Baseline Conditions), we advise that:



- Conduct all operations with care to minimise risks to historic features, particularly subsurface assets, by implementing low-impact methods that address potential soil compaction and disturbance. Ensure machinery and timber stacks are kept at a safe distance to protect the integrity of archaeological features.
- Report any objects found that fall within the scope of the law for archaeological finds to the relevant authority, **Henneb: Trust for Welsh Archaeology**.

General Recommendations

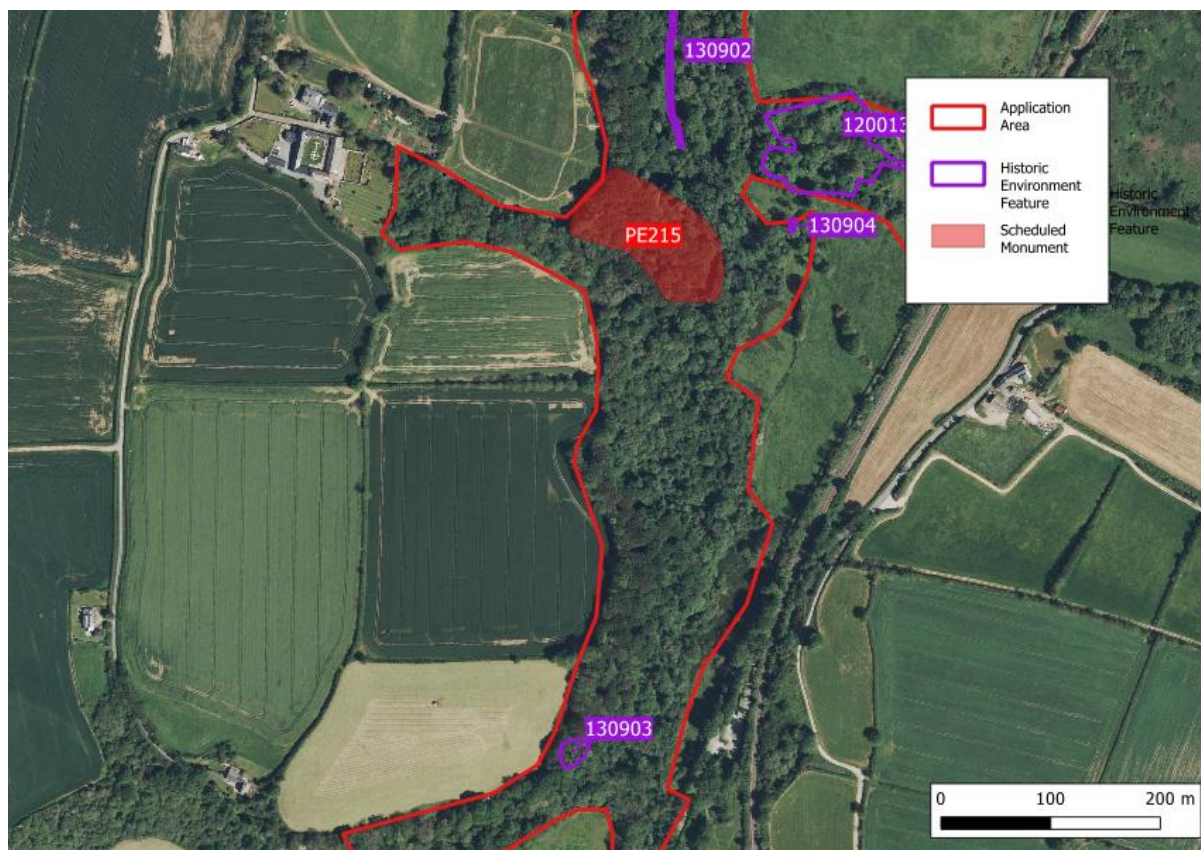
- Implement measures to minimise soil compaction and disturbance during thinning operations, as required by the guidance for felling licences. Where possible, prioritise thinning operations during dry conditions to reduce ground disturbance.
- Include historic environment sensitivities in pre-operational checks, and ensure all staff are briefed on the locations and significance of the identified assets.

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 during operations it is important that **Henneb – The Trust for Welsh Archaeology, Heritage Management Dyfed region** is informed. Further advice and guidance can then be provided as required.

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