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Dear Mr Powell AM

Petition: Protect Buildings of Note former 'Mid Wales Hospital' site

Thank you for notifying the National Park Authority (NPA) regarding the above petition. The following represents officer's views.

The NPA reviewed and consulted upon the extent of the Talgarth Conservation area in June and July 2011. The former Mid Wales Hospital site has been included within the confirmed extended Conservation Area. The NPA considered that the area had historical and architectural character it was desirable to enhance or protect.

Conservation areas are areas of historic and architectural character which the local planning authority consider are desirable to enhance and protect. The designation affords protection from the total demolition of building in that any proposal for redevelopment has to be approved by the local planning authority first via Conservation Area Consent. (Outside Conservation Areas planning permission is not required for demolition unless a building is listed.) Conservation Area Consent is unlikely to be approved without a full planning application for the redevelopment of the site being submitted concurrently. Consent is likely to only be granted if the existing buildings were shown to be beyond repair and the redevelopment was a significant enhancement to the Conservation Area.

From the perspective of retaining individual buildings Cadw approached the NPA on 1st March 2012 regarding the potential for listing any of the buildings. The NPA's response was to explain that at present the Authority was considering the approval process of a 'Local List of Historic Assets' criteria and if approved it was proposed to place some of the buildings at the Former Mid Wales Hospital on such a list. While this status would not afford statutory protection for the buildings, the local list is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.



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You will be aware that many of the buildings are in a very poor state of repair but three ones that may be in a reasonable condition are the main hall, the central office building and the chapel.

Cadw have a remit to make recommendations to the Minister regarding buildings that fulfil the criteria for Listing. I understand that Cadw have made a number of visits in the past to the site and concluded that there were no buildings worthy of listing. Our last correspondence with Cadw relating to this matter was at the beginning of March this year. We have not to date received any further correspondence from them.

If you require any further information please contact me or the Senior Heritage Officer Rosie Burton

Yours sincerely

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