



Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Details

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number Suffix

Property Name

Gethin Woodland Centre

Address Line 1

A470 Pentrebach To Rhydycar Northbound

Address Line 2

Abercanaid

Town/city

Merthyr Tydfil

Postcode

CF48 1YZ

Description of site location (must be completed if postcode is not known)

Easting (x)

304985

Northing (y)

203426

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Rowan

Surname

Sorrell

Company Name

BikePark Wales

Address

Address line 1

Gethin Woodland Centre A470 Pentrebach To Rhydycar Northbound

Address line 2

Abercanaid

Address line 3

Merthyr Tydfil

Town/City

Merthyr Tydfil

Country

Postcode

CF48 1YZ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Email address

Site Area

Reference:

What is the site area?

2.68

Scale

Hectares

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building which would result in the loss or gain of public open space?

- Yes
 No

Description of the Proposal

Description

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use

To resurface the uplift track that currently serves the park in a tarmac finish.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- Yes
 No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Operational mountain bike park.

Is the site currently vacant?

- Yes
 No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

Land which is known or suspected to be contaminated for all or part of the site

- Yes
 No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- Yes
 No

Application advice

If you have said Yes to any of the above, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment.

Does your proposal involve the construction of a new building?

- Yes
 No

Materials

Reference:

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used in the build?

Yes

No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used in the build (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

Stone

Proposed materials and finishes:

Tarmac

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

Refer to scheme drawings

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle or pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

Yes

No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

Yes

No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

Yes

No

Please show details of any existing or proposed rights of way on or adjacent to the site, as well as any alterations to pedestrian and vehicle access, on your plans or drawings.

Vehicle Parking

Is vehicle parking relevant to this proposal?

Yes

No

Trees and Hedges

Reference:

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- Yes
 No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- Yes
 No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you will need to provide a full tree survey with accompanying plan before the application can be determined. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding?

- Yes
 No

[Refer to the Welsh Government's Development Advice Maps website.](#)

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- Yes
 No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- Yes
 No

From 7 January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 dwelling house or where the construction area is 100 square metres or more, require Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for surface water designed and built in accordance with the Welsh Ministers' [Statutory SuDS Standards](#). SuDS Schemes must be approved by your local authority acting in its SuDS Approving Body (SAB) role. Please contact your local authority for details of how to apply.

How will surface water be disposed of?

- Sustainable drainage system
 Existing water course
 Soakaway
 Main sewer
 Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the help text. The help text provides further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the help text, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

a) Protected and priority species

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

Reference:

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- Yes, on the development site
- Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains sewer
- Septic tank
- Package treatment plant
- Cess pit
- Other
- Unknown

Other

NA

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste and have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- Yes
- No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- Yes
- No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Reference:

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- Yes
- No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

- Yes
- No

Employment

Will the proposed development require the employment of any staff?

- Yes
- No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- Yes
- No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- Yes
- No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- Yes
- No

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

Does your proposal involve the installation of a standalone renewable or low-carbon energy development?

- Yes
- No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- Yes
- No

Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please provide details

PAC process

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- Yes
 No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

- The agent
 The applicant
 Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has pre-application advice been sought from the local planning authority about this application?

- Yes
 No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

- Yes
 No

Ownership Certificates

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A,B,C or D.

Are you the sole owner of ALL the land?

- Yes
 No

If No, can you give appropriate notice to ALL the other owners?

Yes

No

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/the applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least seven years left to run) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

Natural Resources Wales

House name:

Rivers House St Mellons Business Park St Mellons Cardiff CF3 0EY

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

St Mellons Business Park

Address Line 2:

St Mellons

Town/City:

Cardiff

Postcode:

CF3 0EY

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

13/03/2026

Person Family Name:

Person Role

The Applicant

The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Liam

Surname

Hopkins

Declaration Date

13/03/2026

Declaration made

Agricultural Holding Certificate

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Reference:

Agricultural land declaration - you must select either A or B

(A) None of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of an agricultural holding

(B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below

Person Role

The Applicant

The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Liam

Surname

Hopkins

Declaration Date

13/03/2026

Declaration made

DRAFT
APPLICATION -
Not valid for
Submission

Reference: