# Application Ref: NP/13/0390

Application Type Full

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SN06814019

Applicant

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Agent

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Proposal

Proposed landscaping and curtilage works

Site Location

Berry Hill House, Newport, Pembrokeshire, SA42 0NW

Case Officer

Rob Scourfield

# Summary

This application is to be considered by the Development Management Committee, because the applicant is a member of the authority.

Berry Hill House, listed Grade II\*, is a well-preserved small country house of 1810. It stands prominently in landscaped grounds. Immediately to the north is Berry Hill Farm, its farmhouse formerly the rear wing of Berry Hill House, separately listed Grade II. This application concerns the provision of a revised boundary and driveway between working farm and house, along with associated landscaping.

Both farm and house are accessed off the lane running north from Newport Bridge towards Moylegrove, the northerly farm entrance doubling as a rear driveway to Berry Hill House.

Pre-application advice (in the form of a site meeting of 22/01/13 followed by a letter from the authority's building conservation officer to the applicants) indicated that the scheme is acceptable in principle.

The proposed scheme is considered to be acceptable, having regard to the relevant policies set out in the LDP and Planning Policy Wales (2012) and all other material considerations. The proposed scheme is also considered to be in keeping with the character of the listed building, and its setting in terms of design and form. As such, the application can be supported subject to conditions.

### **Consultee Response**

Nevern Community Council: No adverse comments

Tree and Landscape Officer: Conditional Consent

**Ecologist - Pembrokeshire County Council:** No adverse comments

**PCC - Transportation & Environment**: No adverse comment

## Public Response

The application has been appropriately advertised, and no responses have been received at the time of this report.

# Policies considered

Please note that these policies can be viewed on the Policies page Pembrokeshire Coast National Park website - http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/default.asp?PID=549

LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 11 - Protection of Biodiversity

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

PPW5 Chapter 06 - Conserving the Historic Environment

SPG03 - Loss of Hotels and Guesthouses

TAN 12 - Design

# Officer's Appraisal

### **Background and Description**

Berry Hill House was built in 1810 for William Bowen, son of George Bowen of Llwyngwair, who purchased in 1779. The house is a typical deep-eaved, hiproofed late Georgian villa, of two storeys and three rendered bays. The interior detail is preserved to a remarkable degree. Historically, the Bowens were important as supporters of early Methodism in Pembrokeshire.

The farmhouse was formerly the rear wing of Berry Hill House, separately listed Grade II. The wing has been returned to common ownership with the house and this application relates to development within the curtilage of the Berry Hill House, including the provision of railings and a stone wall to form a revised northern boundary between house and working farm, and a new entrance gate off the rear driveway road to the backyard of Berry Hill House. Also proposed is a new hedge bank alongside the existing driveway, and the relocation of a telegraph pole.

## Relevant Planning History

NP/02/127 - Demolish existing garage, construct new 4-bay garage, garden bothy and walled gardens. Planning permission approved 8/10/02

NP/02/128 - Demolish existing garage, construct new 4-bay garage, garden bothy and walled gardens. Listed building consent granted 23/07/02

NP/02/487 – Division of one dwelling into two separate dwellings (Berry Hill Farm). Planning consent approved 8/01/03

NP/02/607 – Division of one dwelling into two separate dwellings (Berry Hill Farm). Listed building consent approved 11/02/03

NP/10/224 - Construct ha ha wall, bothy, glasshouse and landscaping. Planning permission granted 16/07/10

NP/10/225 - Construct ha ha wall, bothy, glasshouse and landscaping. Listed building consent granted 2/08/10

## **Current Proposal**

The scheme comprises the following:-

- 1. The construction of a stone boundary wall some 32 metres long and 2 metres high to the north of Berry Hill House. The wall is to be built of random rubble with stone/slate copings. Running west of this to the road boundary, a traditional metal 'estate' fence (1.2 metres high) is to be constructed, minimizing damage to tree roots.
- 2. The construction of a vehicular gateway from the rear drive into the back yard of Berry Hill House. This is defined by a pair of traditional iron gates, flanked by piers of random rubble construction.
- 3. The construction of a new hedgebank along the **so**uth side of the rear driveway, mirroring that to the north side.
- 4. The relocation of a telegraph pole away from the house towards the entrance of the rear driveway, screened within the trees.

#### Key Issues

The application raises the following planning matters:-

- Listed Buildings
- Trees
- Siting and Sustainable Design
- Amenity and Privacy

### **Listed Buildings**

In terms of the provisions of Circular 61/96 (Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas), the proposal is considered to be acceptable in terms of preserving the special interest of the building. A consideration of

accompanying works requiring listed building consent is contained within the accompanying planning application (NP/13/0391).

#### Trees

The Trees and Landscapes Officer has advised that the proposal is acceptable, subject to the provision of a Arboricultural Implications Assessment and a Aboricultural Method Statement for Works within Root Protection Areas. Both have been included as a condition of granting planning permission.

Siting and Sustainable Design

The scale and design of the proposal is considered to be sympathetic to the character of the building. Whilst providing the required boundary demarcation, the proposed walls, railings and gateway preserve the historic character of the listed house and farm, formerly a single entity, providing a sympathetic division between the formal house and working farm.

Amenity and Privacy.

The proposal does not affect the existing amenity of the property, with a large area of exterior curtilage retained, and privacy provided for both farm and house by the proposed boundary wall. As such, there are no concerns about amenity and privacy.

#### Conclusion

The proposal is considered to be appropriate in terms of size, scale and detail, together with the character and setting of the listed building. As such, the application can be supported subject to conditions

### Recommendation

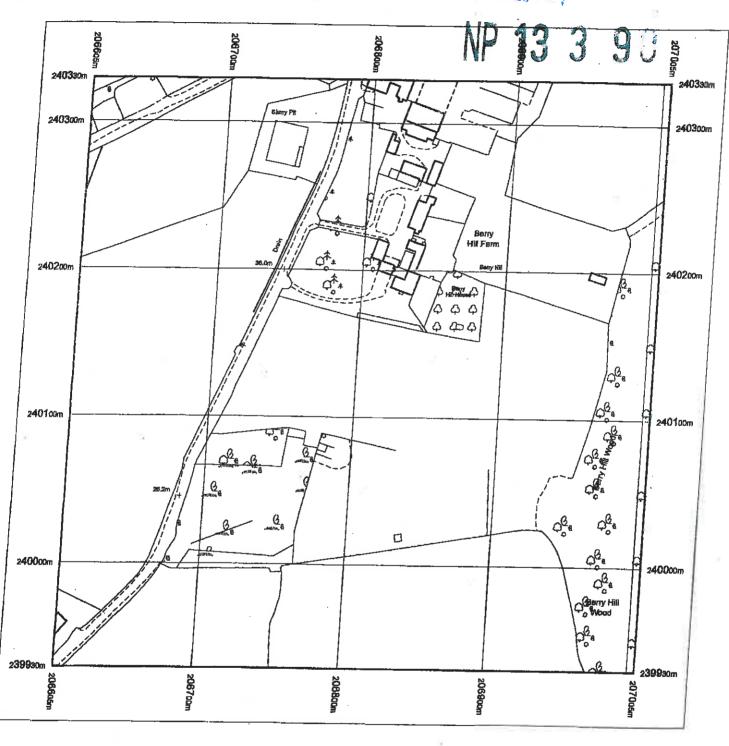
That the application be approved subject to conditions relating to time, compliance with plans, finishes, landscaping and tree protection.





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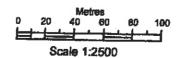
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