

DESIGN COMMISSION FOR WALES COMISIWN DYLUNIO CYMRU

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Re: N126 Box Bush Farm Capel-y-ffin

Design Reviews were undertaken for the Box Bush Farm proposal at Capel-y-Ffin on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This comment should be read alongside the reports from these previous reviews.

Please find below the comment of the Design Commission for Wales on updated materials submitted to them by the Box Bush Farm design team on 13 August 2018, for final comments prior to submission of the planning application.

DCFW remain supportive of this ambitious and interesting scheme which will save the existing property from complete deterioration. The developer's ambition to maintain and improve the property and wider landscape is commendable. The proposals have the potential to become an exemplar for supporting work and economic activity within a National Park.

The updated proposals as submitted this month have considered the feedback from the two design reviews and the scheme has improved as a result. Further refinement and simplification of the building form and landscape proposals has undoubtedly improved the scheme.

The only point that seems to have not been addressed in these updated proposals relates to whether a stone base would be more appropriate than curtain wall glazing to the ground, a comment which was made in the April review. This is a detailed design

decision for the design team to justify, however DCFW is content that the broader feedback from the two reviews has been used appropriately to improve the scheme.

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