

Welsh Heritage Experience

Lichfields has extensive experience in dealing with planning issues affecting the historic environment. We work across the UK and have advised on numerous heritage assets within Wales.



Lichfields in Wales

Central Square, Cardiff

Client: Rightacres Property Ltd.

The transformation of Cardiff city centre includes the creation of a public square to the front of the Grade II listed railway station, surrounded by a new BBC Wales headquarters building, Cardiff University Media School and proposed bus interchange and offices. Heritage and Townscape and Visual Impact Assessments have been prepared for a number of development phases, assessing the potential effects of proposals upon the numerous listed buildings within the vicinity, together with the wider St. Mary Street Conservation Area.

St. Fagans National History Museum

Client: Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales

Lichfields advised the National Museum Wales on a major redevelopment project,

supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Welsh Government, to transform the visitor experience at Wales' most visited cultural attraction. The Creu Hanes (Making History) project included the relocation of the Celtic Village to accommodate a new multifunctional building in the grounds, partial demolition of the Grade II Entrance Building to allow for a major extension and, the rationalisation of car parking, visitor access, signage, and landscaping.

Grove Farm, Llanfoist

Private client

A high quality residential scheme providing much needed open market and affordable homes. The development site is located within the setting of a Grade II* listed farmhouse, adjacent to the Brecon Beacons National Park and Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site. Lichfields prepared the Heritage Impact Assessment, Landscape and Visual Appraisal and masterplanning.

Services

- Advice on listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens
- Statements of heritage significance for listed buildings
- Advice on proposed alterations, extensions or changes of use to listed buildings
- Listed building consent applications, de-listing proposals and heritage impact statements
- Conservation management plans (or Heritage Partnership Agreements) for the long-term management and maintenance of assets
- Advice on developments affecting conservation areas and world heritage sites
- Conservation area appraisals to establish the character and appearance of the area
- Cultural heritage, townscape and visual assessments for environmental impact assessments



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Castle Lane, Swansea

Client: Coastal Housing Group

Heritage and Townscape and Visual Impact Assessments for a mixed use development adjacent to Swansea Castle – a scheduled monument and Swansea's only Grade I listed building, set within the Wind Street Conservation Area. Lichfields secured permission for 30 residential units and 1800sqm of restaurant/café floorspace within this sensitive historic setting. Cadw commended the Heritage Impact Assessment submitted as part of the application.

Pibwr-Lwyd, Llangunon

Client: Coleg Sir Gâr – Carmarthenshire College

Lichfields prepared a Statement of Significance to inform conservation options for the mansion of Pibwr-Lwyd, a late medieval house with 17th Century extension, and Georgian/Regency remodelling. The building has significance as the first floor and attics preserve large sections of early 19th century stencilled painting, employed as an alternative to wallpaper.

Newbuildings, Builth Wells

Private client

Advice was given to a potential purchaser on a pair of Grade II* listed buildings which had been the subject of various internal and external alterations since being listed in 1960. This included advice on the potential for alterations to the property with regard to listed building controls and heritage policy.

Icon 21, Mariner Street, Swansea

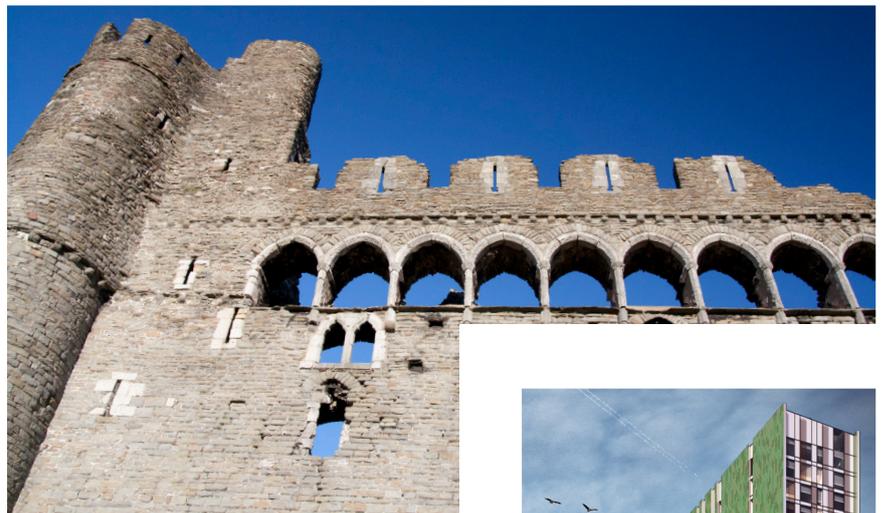
Client: Varsity Projects Ltd

Preparation and submission of a major planning application for a new 21 storey student housing scheme in the heart of Swansea. The scheme, part of a wider £50 million redevelopment opposite High Street railway station, contains 750 bedspaces across two wings and shopping facilities on the ground floor. The redevelopment needed to take account of the historic importance of its surrounding area, given that the Grade I listed Swansea Castle is close by, and the site lies within a conservation area. We prepared Heritage and Townscape and Visual Impact Assessments. The scheme was approved summer 2016.



In Cadw's opinion the developer has produced a thorough analysis of issues in the heritage impact assessment... Cadw support this proposal, as providing a positive enhancement to the land immediately to the south of the scheduled area of the castle.

Heather Bassett-Jones, Cadw



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Detail of wall painting, Pibwr-Lwyd Swansea Castle, Swansea
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