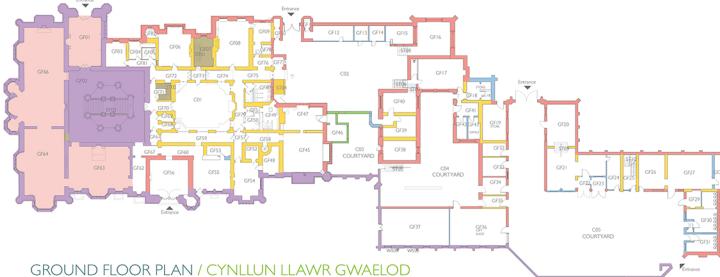




# MARGAM CASTLE REGENERATION ADFYWIO CASTELL MARGAM

## THE PRESENT Y PRESENNOL

### SIGNIFICANCE / Arwyddocâd



- Very High
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Neutral
- Detrimental

This plan is not to scale

- Uchel lawn
- Uchel
- Canolig
- Isel
- Niwtrol
- Niweidiol

Nid yw'r cylchun hwn wrth roddfa

### General Notes:

- Principle interiors given high or very high significance due to their status, public access and surviving / restored features, despite considerable damage in the fire.
  - Historic fireplaces are of medium, high or very high significance where these survive insitu.
  - Timber sash windows within stone mullioned and transomed frames were installed post-fire and are detrimental to the significance of the Castle.
  - Ceiling heights in principal rooms are detrimental to the significance of these spaces.
- Nodiadau Cyffredinol:
- Rhoddir arwyddocâd uchel neu uchel iawn i'r prif nodweddion mewnwel oherwydd eu statws, mynediad cyhoeddus a nodweddion sydd wedi goroesi/adfer, er gwaethaf difrif sylweddol yn y tân.
  - Mae llefydd tân hanesyddol o arwyddocâd canolig, uchel neu uchel lawn lle mae'r rhain wedi goroesi yn y fan a'r lle.
  - Gosodwyd ffenestri codi pren o fewn ffarmiau pyst carreg a thrawslath ar ôl y tân ac maent yn niweidiol i arwyddocâd y Castell.
  - Mae uchder nerf ydau yn y prif ystafelloedd yn niweidiol i arwyddocâd y manau hyn.

### Current Use and Significance

There are 30,000 listed buildings in Wales. Less than 2% of these are Grade I listed buildings of exceptional interest. Margam Castle is one of these special buildings.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council own the freehold to Margam Castle. The large rooms in the West of the main Castle are used for events and filming. Much of the rest of the castle is derelict with minimal finishings following a devastating fire in the 1970s. There is an extensive bat roost through the basement and South-East Tower. The castle is a Tudor Gothic style castellated mansion built of brick and faced on the exterior in sandstone ashlar. The roofs were renewed after the devastating fire and are covered with slate. The timber sash windows are also modern.

To the east is the group of service buildings, which adjoin the house and are arranged to create three additional courtyards. This range now houses the café, gift shop and bathrooms available for visiting members of the public, as well as rooms used by the Friends of Margam Park, businesses which operate in the castle and grounds, the Castle's management staff, and related storage.

We have assessed the buildings, historic plans, written records, and photographs to assess the significance of the building fabric and where potential interventions for the new future of Margam Castle are appropriate. This assessment reviews the evidential value, historical value, aesthetic value and communal value. The results of these assessments are shown in the plan above.



Elaborate chimney stacks showing a range of different motifs



Modern ceiling structure visible throughout the ground floor, featuring modern steel joists and plaster infill with painted panels above



Stairwell refitted modern ivy-weld dry-lay trowel - a thin layer of mortar applied directly onto the previous trowel or plaster base



Port infilled door between the west range and main stair hall



Drive wedi'i leintwain i'r rhannau trwm yr ochr orllewinol a neuadd y prif resi



Seis on First Floor. Surviving roof truss, which demarcates the line of the historic wall between the two rooms signalled by the two simple stone fireplaces



Gwrth y Llawn Cynted. Cynted to sydd wedi goroesi, sy'n roi�n y wal hanesyddol rhwng y dŵr ystofol y gwrth ddiol a'r tân correg sy'n drwyddo a hydrefn.



### The Building Condition and Repairs

We have undertaken a building condition survey. The overall condition of the property is split between those areas that are in regular use, which are considered to be 'Fair', and those areas which are empty, which are considered to be 'Very Poor'. Intervention is needed to prevent accelerated decay across the Castle fabric. Full repairs to the building fabric cost around £9m. Key issues with the building are:

#### Roof

The introduction of a new roof in the 1990s has protected much of the internal fabric and has remained in good condition, with the exception of the North pitch roof on the main Castle and the flat roof around the lantern. These need to be re-roofed to address widespread issues with missing tiles, misalignment, broken leadwork and ponding.

#### Rainwater goods

Throughout the building, water ingress is consistently related to poorly maintained rainwater goods, mature plant growth on masonry and no repointing programme of opening joints. When there is heavy rain, there are places where water can actively be seen entering the building.

#### The walls and windows

The walls suffer from a lack of the correct lime pointing meaning that water is getting through causing damage. The North and East elevation get the least sun so they do not dry out as well as the other two. However the South and West elevations get the most exposure to the prevailing winds causing their deterioration. In some places metal corrosion causes stone work to split especially around the windows. Whilst many windows were replaced there are still ones that are rotting or have cracked or loose glass panes.

### Cyflwr yr Adeilad ac Atgyweiriadau

Rydym wedi cynnal arolwg o gyflwr yr adeiladu. Mae cyflwr cyffredinol yr eiddo wedi'i rannu rhwng yr ardaloedd hynn y sôn cael eu defnyddio'r rheolaidd, y sôn cael eu hystyried yn 'Wedi' a'r ardaloedd hynn y sôn cael eu hystyried yn 'Wael'. Mae angen ymrymaeth i atal pydredd rhag ledi'n gyflwm ar draws adeiladwaith y Castell. Mae atgyweiriadau llawn i adeiladwaith yr adeilad un costio tua £9m. Prif problemau'r adeilad yw:

#### Y to

Fe wnaeth godos to newydd yn y 1990au ddiogelu llawer o'r adeiladwaith mewnwol ac mae wedi parhau mewn cyflwr da, ac ethirio goleddol to y Gogledd yn y prif Castell a'r gwastad o amgylch y llusen. Mae angen all-dol'r rhain i fynd i'r afael â problemau eang gyda theils coll, camosod, gwath plwm sydd wedi torni a phyllau dŵr yn cronni.

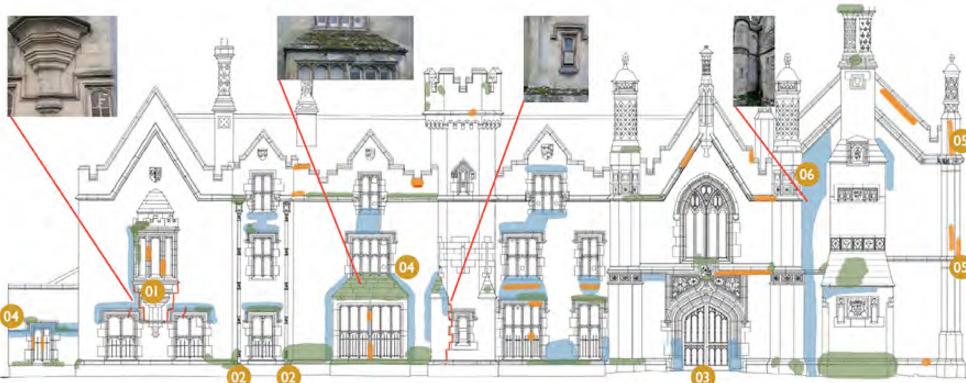
#### Cafnau dŵr ac ati

Drwy gydol yr adeilad, mae mynediad dŵr yn gyson gysylltiedig â chafnau dŵr ac ati y sôn cael eu cynnal a'u cadw'n wael, tyfiant planhigion aeddaf ar waith maen a dim rhaglen albwytio distiau agored. Pan fydd glaw trwm, mae yna fannau lle gellir gweld dŵr yn mynd i mewn i'r adeilad.

#### Y welyd a'r ffenestrâu

Mae'r waliau'n dioddef o ddifyg pwyntio calch cywir y sôn golwg bod dŵr yn mynd drwodd gan achosi difrif. Y wedd ogledol a'r wedd ddywreiniol sôn cael y leiaf o haul, felly nid ydnt yn sychu crystal a'r ddua arall. Serch hynn, y wedd ddeheulol a'r lefel orlewinol y sôn yw'n newyddol a prifwyntoedd, sôn a chosod eu difyriad. Mewn rhai mannau, mae rhwdf metel yn achosi i'r gwaith carreg holti, yn enwedig o amgylch y ffenestrâu. Er bod nifer o ffenestrâu wedi'u newid mae yna rai y sôn ydru o hyd neu lle mae'r gwyrdd wedi cracio neu'n rhudd.

#### North Elevation







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## THE FUTURE Y DYFODOL

We have looked at several options for Margam Castle. These options look to:

- Increase the amount of public access in the castle
- Create spaces to share the history and castle heritage.
- Ensure we protect the bats living in the Castle.
- An improved café and food offer. This will be supplemented by the existing kiosk.
- Create spaces for adult learning and enhanced school visits
- Ways to generate crucial income to help support the maintenance of the building and ensure the long-term future of the castle and surrounding buildings. The options include self-catered accommodation, retail, outdoor pursuit activities and workshop spaces.
- Ensure we improve the sustainability credentials of the building
- Office and welfare spaces for the running of the site

Rydym wedi edrych ar sawl opsiwn ar gyfer Castell Margam. Bwriad yr opsiynau hyn yw:

- Cynhydd faint o le sydd yna i'r cyhoedd yn y castell.
- Creu mannau i ranu hanes a threftadaeth y castell.
- Sicrhau ein bod yn gwarchod y ystumod sy'n byw yn y Castell.
- Gwell caffi a threfniant bwyd. Ategir hyn gan y ciosg presennol.
- Creu mannau ar gyfer dysgu oedolion a gwella ymwelliadau ysgolion
- Ffyrdd o gynhyrchu incwm hollbwysig i helpu i gefnogi cynnal a chadw'r adeilad a sicrhau dyfodol hirdymor y castell a'r adeiladau cyfagos. Mae'r opsiynau'n cynnwys llety hunanartwyo, manwerthu, gweithgareddau awyr agored a lle i weithdai.
- Sicrhau ein bod yn gwella rhinweddau cynaliadwyedd yr adeilad.
- Gofod swyddfa a llesiant i redeg y safle.

### KEY

OFFICES	CAFE
EDUCATION	ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREA
CIRCULATION	RESIDENTIAL
MULTI-USE	INTERPRETATION
STORAGE / PLANT	WCs
Retail / Craft	

### ALLWEDD

SWYDDFEYDD	CAFFI
ADDYSG	ARDALOedd ECOLEGOL SENITIF
CYCHREDIAD	PRESWYL
AML-DDEFNYDD	DEHONGLIAD
STORIO / OFFER	TOILEDAU
MANWERTHU / CREFFT	

### OPTION 1

#### Minimal Intervention

- Emphasis upon a large amount of overnight accommodation, primarily using mezzanine and first floors
- Café is located within existing location

### OPSIWN 1

#### Amharu cyn lleied â phosib ar bethau

- Pwyslais ar lawer iawn o lety dros nos, drwy ddefnyddio'r mesanin a'r llawr cyntaf yn bennaf
- Mae'r caffi yn y lleoliad presennol

### OPTION 2

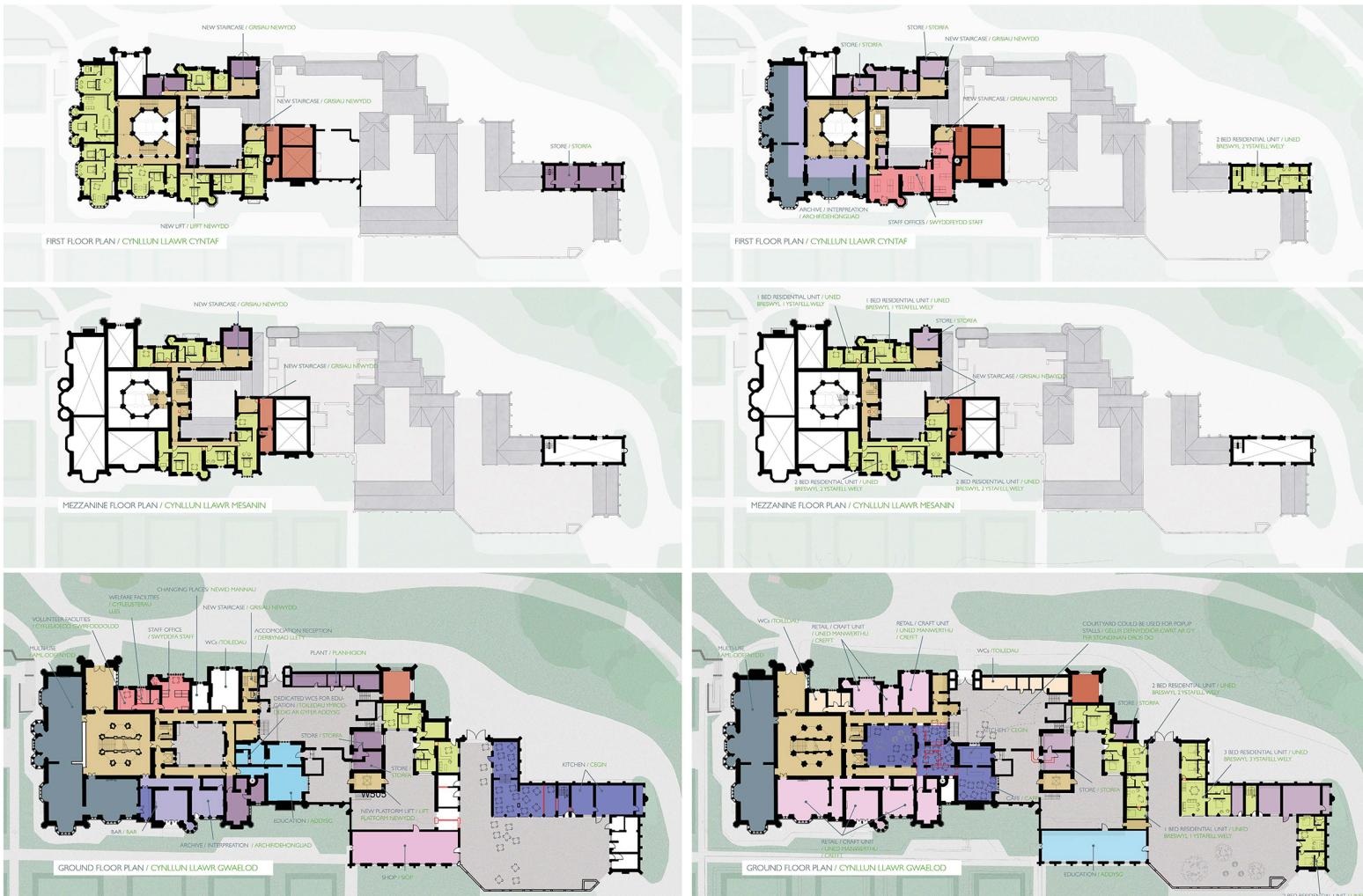
#### Some alterations to internal layout

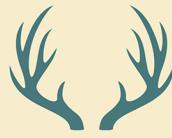
- The principal rooms on the first floor are publicly accessible
- Overnight accommodation is largely moved to the courtyard
- Retail units/artist studios on the ground floor of the castle

### OPSIWN 2

#### Rhai newidiadau i'r diwyg mewnl

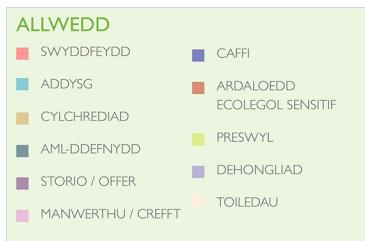
- Prif ystafelloedd y llawr cyntaf yn hygrych i'r cyhoedd
- Llety dros nos yn cael ei symud gan fwyaf i'r cwrt
- Unedau manwerthu/stiwdios artistiaid ar lawr gwaelod y castell





# MARGAM CASTLE REGENERATION ADFYWIO CASTELL MARGAM

## THE FUTURE Y DYFODOL



### OPTION 3

#### Minimal intervention

- Emphasis upon flexible interpretation across the ground floor
- Some public access on the first floor with views across the parkland
- Creation of an artist workshop and courtyard

### OPSIWN 3

#### Amharu cyn lleied â phosib ar bethau

- Pwyslais ar ddehongli hyblyg ar draws y llawr gwaelod
- Rhywfaint o fynediad i'r cyhoedd ar y llawr cyntaf gyda golygfeydd ar draws y parcdir
- Creu gweithdy a chwrt i artistiaid



NOT TO SCALE

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We will collate and review all of the comments we receive during this exhibition – please do leave us comments on the survey provided. If you know of other people that we ought to speak to also let us know.

We are speaking to local councillors to gather their views as well so please feel free to share your thoughts with them so that they can also help to represent you.

The options designs need to be discussed with Cadw so that they can advise on anything that they might consider detrimental to the building or wider landscape and we need to talk to them about getting the castle onto the At-Risk Register.

We also need to agree a scheme for protecting the bat species in the castle with Natural Resources Wales and the council's ecologists.

Once we have done all of that we need to refine our options, cost them and think about how they could be funded and how they could be phased over time.

We will be talking to Cadw, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Welsh Government about possible funding sources as we need as many organisations as possible to contribute financially if we are to realise our vision.

We are aiming to arrive at a final preferred scheme by July 2023 with a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund later this year; the scale of which will be dependent on our discussions with them over the next few months.

In addition to this we will continue working with Swansea and Cardiff Universities to look for other funding to further develop ideas around digital interpretation and a government grant to look at developing a new educational offer at the castle.

### BETH SYN DIGWYDD NESAF?

Byddwn yn casglu ac yn adolygu'r holl sylwadau a dderbyniwn yn ystod yr arddangosfa hon - gadewch sylwadau i ni ar yr ardalw a ddarparwyd. Os ydych chi'n gwybod am bobl eraill y dylem siarad â nhw, rhwch wybod i ni hefyd.

Rydym yn siarad â chyngorwyr lleol i gael eu barn hefyd, felly mae croeso i chithau rannu eich barn gyda nhw fel y gallan nhw hefyd helpu iach cynrychioli chi.

Mae angen trafod cynlluniau'r opsiynau gyda Cadw fel y gallant roi cyngor ar unrhyw beth y gallent ei ystyried yn weiniol i'r adeilad neu'r dirwedd ehangach ac mae angen i ni siarad â nhw am roi'r castell ar y Gofrestr Mewn Perygl.

Mae angen i ni hefyd gytuno ar gyllun i warchod y rhwogaethau o ystumod yn y castell gyda Chyfoeth Naturiol Cymru ac eclogwyr y cyngor:

Ar ôl i ni wneud hyn i gyd, mae angen i ni fireinio ein hopsiynau, paratoi'r costau a meddlw sut gelid eu hariannu a sut gelid eu cyflwyno fusel cam dros amser.

Byddwn yn siarad â Cadw, Cronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri Genedlaethol a Llywodraeth Cymru ynglyn â ffynonellau ariannu posib gan fod angen cymaint o sefydladau â phosib i gyfrannu ariannol os ydym am wireddu ein gweledigaetha.

Rydym yn anelu at ddod i benderfyniad ynglyn â'r cynllun terfynol sy'n cael ei ffafrio erbyn Gorffennaf 2023 gyda chais i Gronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri Genedlaethol nes ymlaen eleni, y bydd ei faint yn dibynnu ar ein trafodaethau gyda nhw yn ystod y misoedd nesaf.

Yn ogystal â hyn, byddwn yn parhau i weithio gyda Phrifysgolion Abertawe a Chaerdydd i chwilio am fatbau eraill o gyllid i ddatblygu syniadau pelach ynglyn â dehongli digidol a grant oddi wrth y llywodraeth sy'n edrych ar ddatblygu arwyd addysgol newydd yn y castell.