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Llanystumdwy

Client

Gwynedd Council

Location

Llanystumdwy, near Criccieth, Gwynedd

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

September 2003

Key Issues

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Recommendations for proposed boundary amendments and possible areas for enhancement



As part of a project reviewing and carrying out appraisals of 14 conservation areas for Gwynedd Council, the historic buildings team undertook an appraisal of Llanystumdwy's conservation area.

The small village towards the eastern end of the Llyn Peninsula in north Wales is an area of outstanding beauty with stunning coastal and mountain views.

It is most notable as the village where David Lloyd George lived as a boy until the age of 16. Lloyd George returned to the area at the end of his life and his grave, designed by celebrated Portmeirion architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, is located in woodland on the outskirts of the village. The architect's influence can also be seen throughout the village in Capel Moriah, the Lloyd George Museum gates and in the Library window.

Llanystumdwy is characterised by simple buildings constructed of local stone and an attractive medieval and later church, St John's, by the old road bridge over the Afon Dwyfor. The appraisal involved compiling a historical outline of the area, an assessment of the established character to be 'preserved' and identification of possible areas for 'enhancement'.

Proposed alterations to the conservation area boundary included removing the Penrallt Estate and modern houses, constructed since the site's designation in 1974, and elsewhere in the village including a large field and attractive pond which are important to its rural setting. Suggestions were made to improve pavements and redesign the disused and overgrown playground.

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