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### Mynydd Llandygai

#### Client

Gwynedd Council

#### Location

Mynydd Llandygga, near Bangor, 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 Mynydd Llandygai's conservation area.

The small village is in a remote rural location approximately four miles from Bangor, surrounded by moor land and with extensive views across Snowdonia. Standing in the foreground of the views across to Snowdonia are the vast spoil heaps of the Penrhyn Slate Quarry, owned by the Penrhyn Estate and which led to the establishment of the quarry workers' settlement here in the 1860s.

A whole community developed with a church, chapel and school (the latter two buildings now demolished). The design of the paired cottages (which with the exception of the church and the former post office is the only historic building type in the settlement) is directly descended from the traditional croglofft cottage, the predominant vernacular building type in the area.

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'.

Despite the fact that the great majority of the cottages are now listed buildings and the original property boundaries are generally well preserved, a series of unfortunate alterations including modern replacement doors and windows, the application of pebbledash and other inappropriate renders, unsympathetic porches and the removal of chimneystacks have all had a negative impact on the conservation area.

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