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Subject: FW: Penamser cemetery, Porthmadog Gwynedd.

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From: (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw)
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 11:41 PM
To: (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw)
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Subject: RE: Penamser cemetery, Porthmadog Gwynedd.

It is the former lodge at Penamser cemetery and appears with its two cemetery (or mortuary) chapels on the 1st ed., so dates to the mid Victorian phase when a large number of cemeteries were constructed. These tended to be planned, laid out on the edge of settlements and provided with chapels, lodges, gates walls etc. Often there are 2 chapels, one to cater for each religious taste. Because of the number of structures that were constructed during this period we have to apply the usual selectivity and identify the best examples of type etc.

Penamser has lost its two chapels and it is this which really makes the lodge unlistable. Listing has focused on the chapels where surviving, as these are the main buildings of each cemetery. 10 cemetery chapels have been listed, all with strong (or distinctive) architectural character, normally in fashionable Gothic. As exceptions the Arts and Crafts chapel at Guilsfield has been listed, as has the exceptional chapel at Coychurch, part of the complete 1970 crematorium and included at II*.

We have listed groups of structures where surviving, the best being at Brecon (2 chapels, lodge and gate piers), Abergavenny (cemetery registered, gates, gate piers and lychgate) and Chepstow (lodge and chapel). Although we have not listed the lodge at Abergavenny, on the basis of alterations I would presume.

There are a number of chapels that have not been listed, Holywell (1848-9) was looked at recently and rejected as a typical but not outstanding example of this building type. There will be more in the resurvey photographs

So for Penamser it may have been a candidate if it had survived with its chapels as it has a locally distinctive style but we would not list an 'ancillary' structure on its own (unless completely exceptional) without any group value with the other key elements of the cemetery complex.

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From: (ESNR-Tourism, Heritage & Sport-Cadw)
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[redacted] has asked us to urgently consider this mortuary building in Penamser Cemetery, Porthmadog, which Gwynedd Council are about to demolish for no immediately apparent reason. I've checked the survey photos and there is nothing there. The cemetery is a little way out of Porthmadog so it may have been missed. Coflein records that there was a cemetery chapel by 1891, when possibly this was built at the entrance to the cemetery but was demolished by 2001. Do you think its worth looking at?