

Heritage Impact Statement (Listed Building Consent)

Project: Upgrading of windows & doors at Lon Twyn, Twyncyn, Dinas Powys CF64 4AS



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HISTORICAL VALUE

Lon Twyn is an early example of the domestic residences designed by Percy Thomas and Ivor Jones. The construction of Lon Twyn would have been contemporary with a number of larger civic commissions including the Old Fire Station, Bridewell, Bristol and immediately prior to the Civic Centre building in Swansea which commenced in 1930.

Other contemporary domestic commissions by the same architects include:

- Fairwood (formerly Fairy Wood), Llantrisant Road. Grade II. (1922-27)
- Whitehall (formerly Greenway), Drysgol Road, Radyr. Grade II. (1928)

Lon Twyn was designed and built for Sir Joseph Davies, the successful Welsh business man with interests in coal and railway industries of South Wales. Davies also undertook charitable work and was invited by Lloyd George to join his secretariat in Downing Street, known as the Garden Suburb.

AESTHETIC VALUE

Lon Twyn is listed as a fine high quality individually designed early C20 domestic house. It is a large 2 storey Arts and Crafts house set in a terraced garden overlooking the Bristol Channel. The building has been subject to few alterations and retains its original character. The walls are roughcast rendered, with dressings of Portland stone on a rock-faced plinth. The roof is of Westmoreland slates in diminishing courses with slightly swept overhanging eaves, large moulded kneelers, narrow rendered stacks.



1 Historical photo of Lon Twyn showing open Loggia

Generally, all the windows are metal framed casements set in stone mullions. The side garden elevation has 3-bay flat-roofed glazed loggia with roughcast columns and modern white painted timber doors and windows, the sensitive replacement of which is the subject of this application. The Loggia was original open but is now a wholly glazed conservatory.

EVIDENTIAL & COMMUNAL VALUED

The building generally remains intact both internally and externally and is listed in the Vale of Glamorgan 'County Treasures'.

PROPOSAL

The proposal is to replace the existing modern windows in the loggia with single glazed metal framed windows, reflecting those elsewhere in the residence. For details refer to drawings 1001 & 1002.

The proposed windows are polyester powder coat steel framed windows, finished in black with 4mm clear float glass leaded light rectangles. The proposed works will have no negative impact on the special architectural and historic interest of Lon Twyn and will recreate a unified aesthetic.

Proposed Work	Your objective	Significance of affected fabric	Assessing beneficial impact	Assessing harmful impact	Proposed Solution
Replacement of door and windows in original loggia	Provide unified windows & door throughout the property	Historical fabric unaffected. Modern timber windows to be upgraded.	Aesthetic more appropriate to the style of property	None	N/A

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