

Penrhiwbengi Farm, Oakdale
Planning Application for a new house

Outline Landscape and Visual Appraisal

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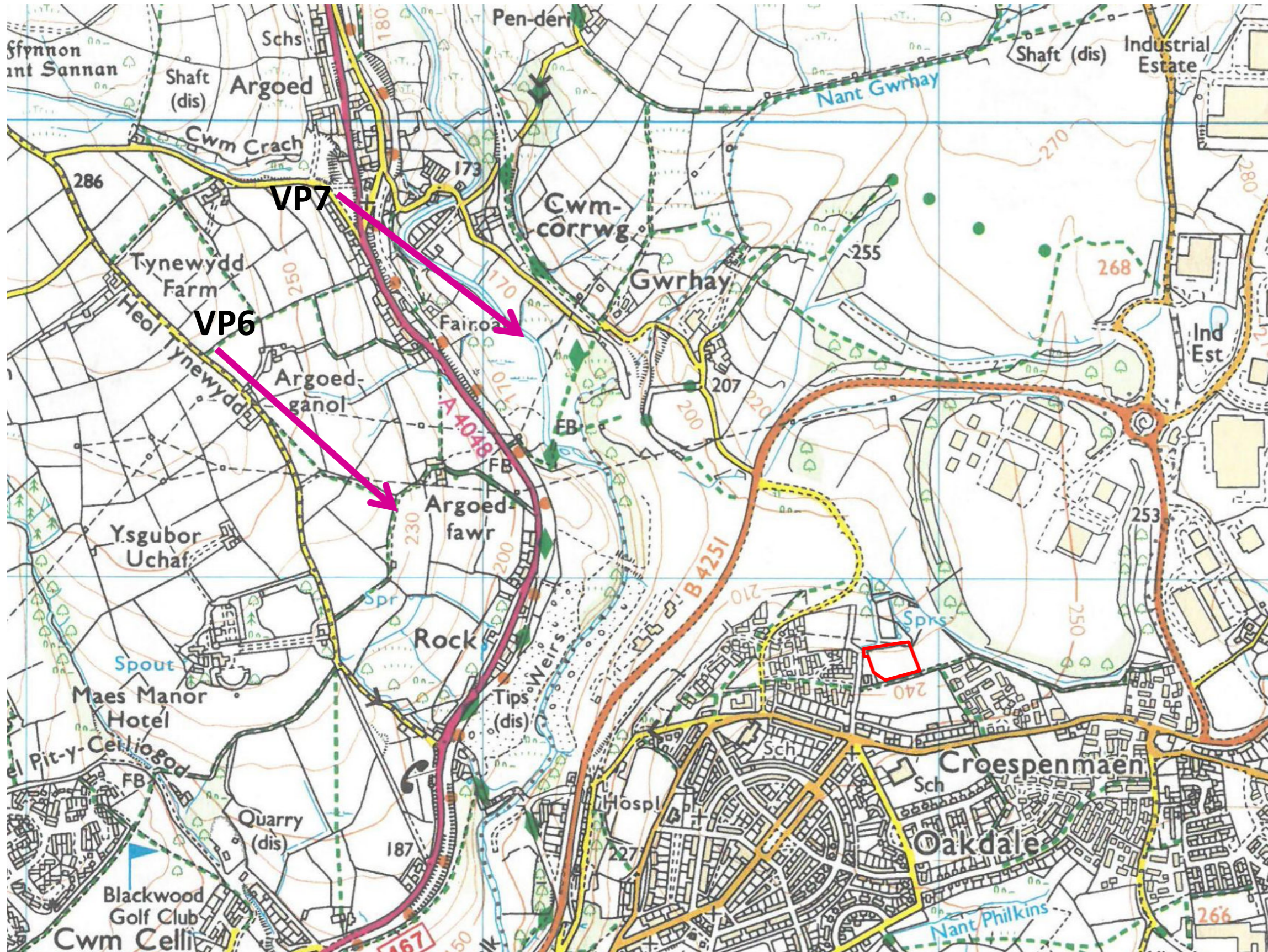




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 Other Viewpoint Photo Locations
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VP1. Close to the entrance to Penrhiwbengi Farm, on Penrhiwbengi Lane, part of the field containing the Site is briefly glimpsed just beyond the post and rail fence. This field is visually well contained by the prominent wooded backdrop. New perimeter woodland, with shrub understorey, will be planted to separate the two properties. This, when established, would largely screen the new dwelling from this property.

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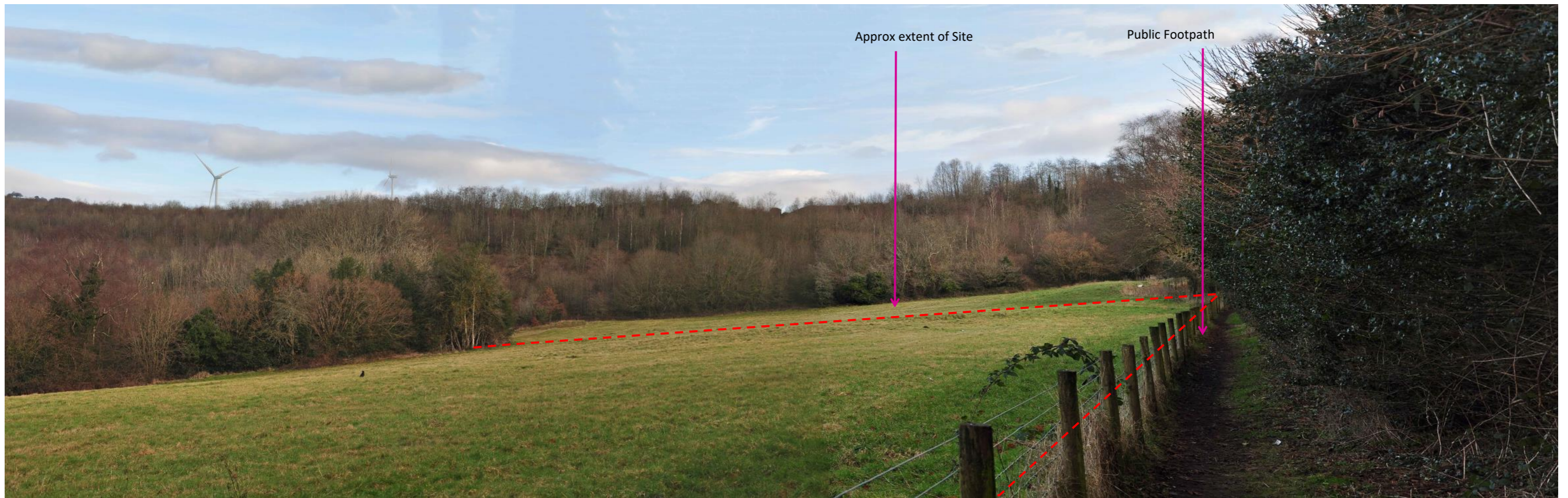
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Viewpoint Photo 1
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VP2 From Public Footpath PMEN/FP36/3, close to its junction with Penrhiwbengi Lane and adjacent to Penrhiwbengi Farm, part of the field containing the Site is just visible above the adjacent hedgerow. This field is visually well contained by established woodland adjacent to its northern and eastern boundaries. From here, part of the proposed development would, in the short term, be visible until the new belt of native woodland planting between the proposed residence and Penrhiwbengi Farm becomes established. Ground floor and garden curtilage views from neighbouring properties on Blacksmith Close are largely restricted both by the close boarded fence boundary fence and the unmanaged hedgerow which separates this section of the public footpath from the Site.

VIEWPOINT GRID REFERENCE
ST 18849 98764

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Viewpoint Photo 2
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VP3. At a point close to the south western corner of the Site the unmanaged section of hedgerow on the north side of the Public Footpath PMEN/FP36/3 terminates, giving way to a stockproof post and wire fence. From here most of the sloping field containing the Site is revealed. The unmanaged hedgerow on the south side of the footpath, which separates it from properties in Blacksmith Close, continues. Besides the wind turbines, which breach the skyline, a prominent feature in this view is the dense woodland on former colliery land alongside the field's northern and southern boundaries which provides visual containment. The proposed development includes the planting of a hedgerow and a belt of new native woodland with shrub understorey alongside the public footpath corridor, which would be widened to 3.5m. This new woodland, once established, would very largely screen views of the proposed new house.

VIEWPOINT GRID REFERENCE
ST 18885 98772



VP4 At a point on the public footpath PMEN/FP36/2 adjacent to the south eastern corner of the sloping field in which the Site is located, there are views across the field towards Penrhiwbengi Farm. Other properties backing on to the west side of Penrhiwbengi Lane are just visible through the tracery of the large sycamore trees at the end of the field. A gap in the woodland along the northern boundary of the field reveals the large and prominent buildings of Islwyn High School beyond which are distant glimpses of housing on the opposite side of the Sirhowy Valley near Argoed. Whilst the proposed house would initially be visible from here, it is the intention to plant up the site's eastern boundary with a combination of native woodland and hedgerow with trees. As it becomes established this planting would substantially reduce the visibility of the proposed house. A significant part of the existing longer views up the Sirhowy Valley will be retained from this section of footpath.

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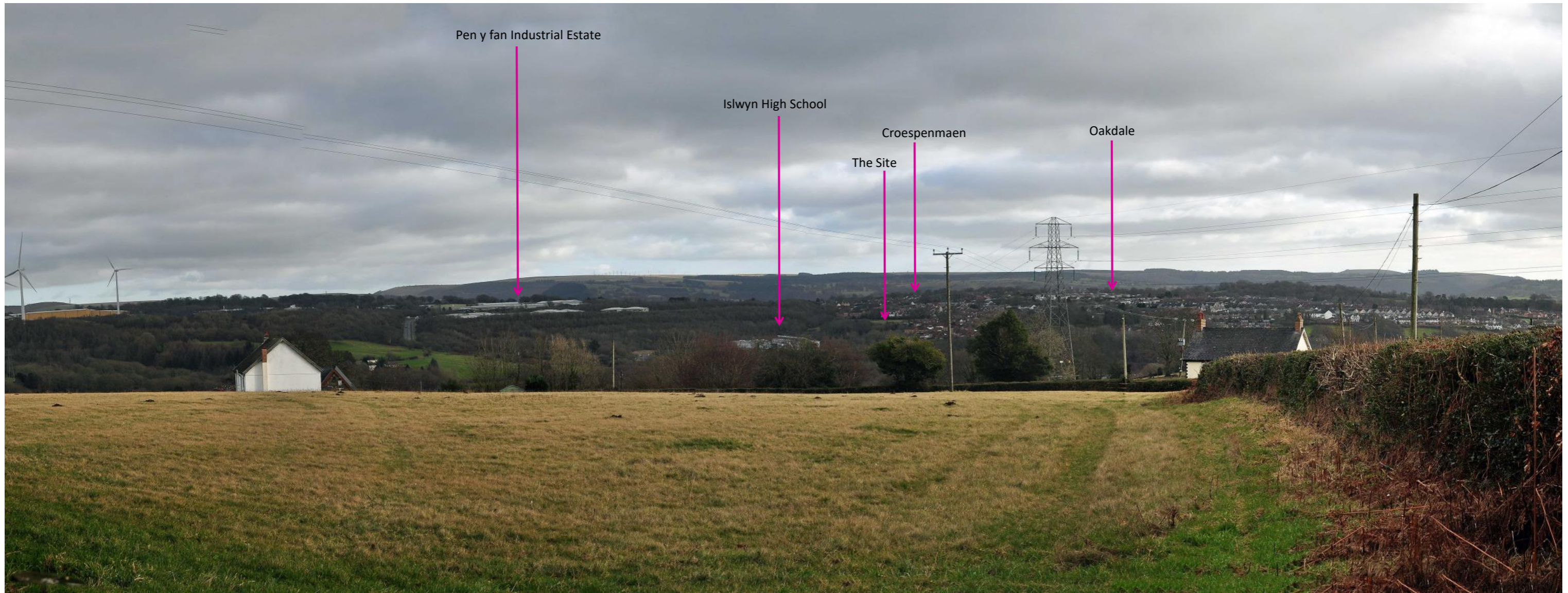
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Viewpoint Photo 4
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VP5 From the field gate on Penrhiwbengi Lane in the north western corner of the Site there are views up the sloping field towards the public footpath which delineates the southern boundary of the Site. From here the adjacent properties on Blacksmith Close are prominent. Whilst most have views over the Site from their upper storey windows, views from ground floor windows and garden curtilages would appear to be severely restricted by a combination of garden fencing and the hedgerow beside the public footpath. From here a new driveway, working with the contours, would provide access to the proposed house, views of which would be mitigated by groups of specimen trees in a 'parkland' style..

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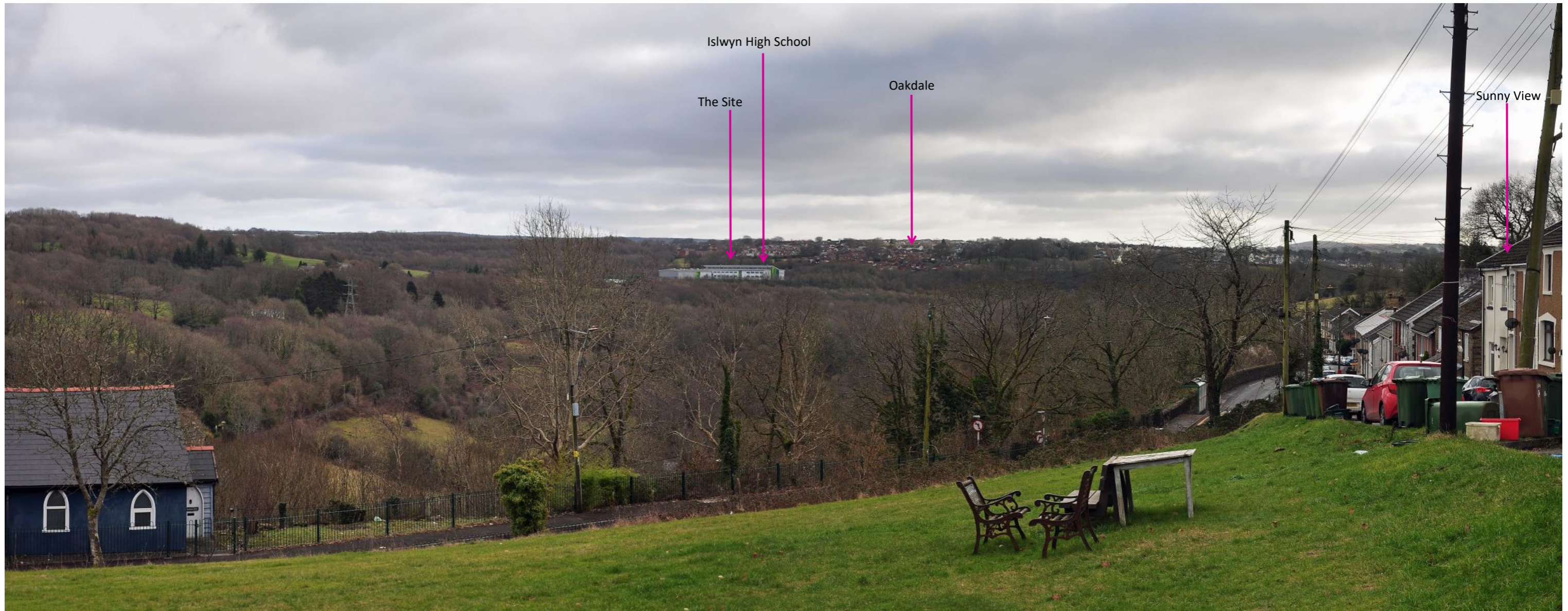
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Viewpoint Photo 5
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VP6 From a point on a public footpath close to Heol Tynewydd, on the opposite side of the Sirhowy Valley approximately 1.6kms to the north west of the site there are far reaching views across the ridges and valleys of some of the South Wales Valleys. Prominent on the middle distance ridge are the settlements of Oakdale and Croespenmaen, as well as some of the large industrial units on the Pen y fan Industrial Estate and the wind turbines. The upper parts of the field in which the Site is located are only just visible above intervening woodland. At this separation distance any views of the proposed house will appear inconsequential against the urban backdrop of Oakdale / Croespenmaen.

VIEWPOINT GRID REFERENCE
ST 17403 99500

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Viewpoint Photo 6
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VP7 From Sunny View, a row of terraced cottages just south of Argoed, there are views down the heavily wooded Sirhowy Valley towards Oakdale, cresting the ridge on the opposite valley side. Prominent in this view are the buildings comprising Islwyn High School. There are glimpses of the upper parts of the Site visible immediately above the roof of the school. At a distance of approximately 1.5kms and in the context described above any views of the proposed house will be inconsequential.

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ST 17688 99837

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