

Bear may take new step

MOVES to extend the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge by demolishing a cottage in the rear courtyard and replacing it with a two-storey bedroom block have been supported by Vale of Glamorgan councillors.

But the Welsh Office historic monuments group, Cadw, will have to approve the scheme before the cottage, a Grade II Listed building, can be demolished.

The scheme, submitted by The Three Salmons Group, of Porthcawl, also involves ex-

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tending the car park on North Road.

Mr Peter Taylor, the Vale's chief planning officer, reported to the planning committee that the appearance of the extension and its effect on the Conservation Area, the hotel itself, and the adjoining property had to be taken into consideration.

"Representations have been made concerning loss of ancient lights, damp and encroachment, but these are issues which relate to civil law. The

applicant has served the appropriate notice on the adjoining owners and thus the correct procedures have been followed."

He went on: "The proposal for an extra 20 bedrooms would result in up to 20 extra cars using North Road. It is considered that such an increase in traffic flows, spread out over varying hours, would not create a significant difference."

He recommended approval of the scheme, and approval of Listed Building Consent for the demolition of the cottage, subject to the approval of Cadw.