

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

CONSERVATION AREA	Mount Pleasant
Date of Notification:-	04.1993
National Grid Reference:-	SS 6507593625
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	SS 69 SE
Conservation Area No.:-	CA:025

Notes:-

Mount Pleasant Hospital was built as a workhouse in 1861-62 by the Swansea Board of Guardians at a cost of £15,750. It remained in this use until 1929 when it was taken over as a hospital by Swansea County Borough Council; and ownership was transferred to the Minister of Health following nationalisation of the Health Service in 1949.

The recommended designation, as indicated on the attached plan, includes all the land occupied by the Swansea Union Workhouse that opened in 1861-62. Some of the buildings have been cleared, but those that remain retain in general their slate roofs and original fenestration. They are in good repair. The materials; warm brown sandstone rubble with dressed stone trimmings, the well proportioned windows, and the design of the buildings themselves combine with their splendid siting to make this one of the best groups of Victorian buildings remaining in the City.

Between the remaining buildings some very fine views remain, notably between the gatehouse and adjacent buildings, the principle entrance to the site. The buildings also have a handsome presence when approached up the hill from the City Centre, and this could be further improved by the removal of a much later flat-roofed building from the front lawn and of two small brick extensions from the principal front.