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Dear Sir / Madam,

## Planning Application – REF: P/2023/0593

Thank you for your letter inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

### Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regard to the scheduled monuments or registered historic parks and gardens listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out in Annex A.

### Assessment

#### Scheduled Monuments

##### Within a 3km developer ZTV:

DE047 Hadfod-y-Bwlch Round Barrow

DE048 Croes-Foel Round Barrow

DE113 Offa's Dyke: Vron Farm Section

DE131 Cadwgan Hall Mound

DE132 Offa's Dyke: Cadwgan Hall Section, extending from River Clywedog to the Railway

DE137 Offa's Dyke: Pentre-Bychan Hall Section, extending 540m S from Bron-Wylfa

DE139 Offa's Dyke: Plas Power Section

DE152 Wat's Dyke: Section extending from Erddig Park to Middle Sontley

DE153 Wat's Dyke: Section extending from Middle Sontley to Black Brook Bridge

DE174 Offa's Dyke: Section S of Bryn yr Owen Farm

DE179 Offa's Dyke: Sections N & S of Bryn yr Owen Colliery

DE180 Offa's Dyke: Section in Plas Power Park

DE181 Offa's Dyke: South Section at Coedpoeth

DE182 Offa's Dyke: North Section at Coedpoeth

DE189 Bersham Ironworks

Registered Parks and Gardens

Within a 3km developer ZTV:

PGW (C) 62 Wrexham: Erddig

PGW (C) 67 Wrexham: Wrexham Cemetery

The planning application is accompanied by a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) and Historic Environment Assessment which collate information on designated historic assets in relation to the proposed development. This information has been assessed in chapter 9 of an accompanying Environmental Statement authored by Heritage Archaeology Ltd.

A stage 1 setting assessment undertaken for designated historic assets within 3km of the proposed development employed the ZTV and assigned heritage values to scope out from further analysis scheduled monuments DE047, DE048 and DE131 and registered parks and gardens PGW (C) 62 and PGW (C) 67.

Scheduled monuments DE113, DE132, DE137, DE139, DE152, DE153, DE174, DE179, DE180, DE181 and DE182, all sections of the presumed 8th century AD defensive bank and ditch Offa's Dyke, are assessed in the context of the Dyke in the region overall. The report considers that the relationship between Offa's Dyke and the landscape through which it passes would not be altered by the proposed development and the development would not interrupt views along the course of the linear monument. The proposed development would not introduce any urbanising element to the monuments setting and overall would result in no change to the way that the monument is currently experienced with its heritage values being preserved.

The report identifies the site of the proposed development as lying within the setting of scheduled monument DE189 Bersham Iron Works. However, it considers that as the proposed development is at the periphery of the this and would not introduce an urbanising element to the area and overall would result in no change to the way that the monument is currently experienced with its heritage values being preserved.

We concur with these conclusions, the proposed development will have no effect on the way that the component scheduled monuments of Offa's Dyke or scheduled monument DE189 Bersham Iron Works are experienced, understood, and appreciated. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the settings of these scheduled monuments or any other of the above designated historic assets.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex A**

### Our role

Our statutory role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

### National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPW [planning-policy-wales-edition-11.pdf](#) explains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

[Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

### Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on

a registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.