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Dear Sir / Madam,

Installation and operation of an energy storage system, Land North Of, Bronwylfa Road, Rhostyllen, Wrexham REF: P/2024/0155

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. Our assessment of the application is listed below.

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

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments

DE165 Wat's Dyke: Section South of Ruthin Road
DE191 Wat's Dyke: Section SSW of Wrexham Station, 130m Long
DE244 Meadow Shaft, Minera
DE199 Bersham Colliery: No 2 Winding Gear
DE131 Cadwgan Hall Mound
DE137 Offa's Dyke: Pentre-Bychan Hall Section, extending 540m S from Bron-Wylfa
DE047 Hadfod-y-Bwlch Round Barrow
DE048 Croes-Foel Round Barrow
DE179 Offa's Dyke: Sections N & S of Bryn yr Owen Colliery
DE180 Offa's Dyke: Section in Plas Power Park
DE017 Erddig Mound & Bailey Castle
DE139 Offa's Dyke: Plas Power Section
DE173 Wat's Dyke: Sections N & S of the Court
DE181 Offa's Dyke: South Section at Coedpoeth
DE182 Offa's Dyke: North Section at Coedpoeth
DE183 Offa's Dyke: Section South of River Gwenfro
DE178 Offa's Dyke: Section S of Aberderfyn Road
DE193 Moated Site near Groesfoel Farm, Rhostyllen



DE174 Offa's Dyke: Section S of Bryn yr Owen Farm
DE153 Wat's Dyke: Section extending from Middle Sontley to Black Brook Bridge
DE241 New Minera Lead Mine
DE163 Fairy Oak Round Barrow
DE164 Hillbury Round Barrow
DE152 Wat's Dyke: Section extending from Erddig Park to Middle Sontley
DE189 Bersham Ironworks
DE194 Offa's Dyke: Section extending 120m from Railway to Bronwylfa Road, Legacy
DE23 Nant Mill Wood Shaft Mounds
DE113 Offa's Dyke: Vron Farm Section
DE132 Offa's Dyke: Cadwgan Hall Section, extending from River Clywedog to the Railway
DE290 Gatewen Hall round barrow

Registered Parks and Gardens:

PGW(C)62(WRE) Erddig
GW(C)67(WRE) Wrexham Cemetery

The impact of the proposed development on the settings of the above scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens (located inside 3km) have been considered in a Stage1 Settings Assessment prepared by Archaeology Wales. This work has concluded that, apart from scheduled monuments Rhostyllen; DE047 Hadfod-y-Bwlch Round Barrow; DE048 Croes-Foel Round Barrow; DE137 Offa's Dyke: Pentre-Bychan Hall Section, extending 540m S from Bron-Wylfa and DE193 Moated Site near Groesfoel Farm, the proposed development will not have an impact on the settings of these designated historic assets.

A further Settings Assessment on the four scheduled monuments identified above as potentially being affected by the proposed development has also been prepared by Archaeology Wales. This work has concluded that the development proposals would have a negligible negative impact on the settings of three of the scheduled monuments (Hadfod-y-Bwlch Round Barrow DE047, Croes-Foel Round Barrow DE048, and Moated Site near Groesfoel Farm, Rhostyllen DE193) and a low negative impact on scheduled monument Offa's Dyke Pentre-Bychan Hall Section DE137. I concur with these conclusions.

The proposed development will need to be connected to the Legacy Substation and this connection will have to cross the line of Offa's Dyke. The application proposes three different routes for the cable, with two being cross-country which will require scheduled monument consent to be granted for them to cross either scheduled monuments DE132 or DE194. However, the third route follows the line of the road between Aberoer and Bersham, which crosses the line of Offa's Dyke in an unscheduled area. In normal circumstances, Cadw would recommend that the determination of an application requiring scheduled monument consent should be deferred until scheduled monument consent has been granted. However, in this case as there is a viable route for the connection to be constructed that does not require



scheduled monument consent there is no need for the determination of this application to be deferred.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Smith
Historic Environment Branch

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.