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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Demolition and removal of concrete weir and associated works, Weir at, Felin Puleston, Wrexham, LL13 7RE.

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

PGW(C)62(WRE) Erddig

This application is for the proposed demolition and removal of a concrete weir, walling and gabions, regrading/reprofiling of the riverbed, the creation of three rapids, the creation of a bed check feature, and river widening around the area of the weir. The proposed works are located within the registered historic park and garden at Erddig PGW(C)62(WRE).

The works are located in the river at the north end of the registered park and garden, near the area of the former mill buildings, and beyond the parkland. The weir is believed to be a fairly modern structure. The historic Ordnance Survey maps (1st, 2nd and 3rd editions) do not record a weir in this location. The supporting documents to the application explain that the weir proposed for removal is a concrete structure.

The supporting ecological appraisal states that no veteran trees will be affected by the proposals.

The proposals are therefore unlikely to have an adverse impact on the significance of the registered historic park and garden at Erddig.

Scheduled Monuments

DE017 Erddig Mound & Bailey Castle

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

DE163 Fairy Oak Round Barrow

DE164 Hillbury Round Barrow

DE165 Wat's Dyke : Section South of Ruthin Road

DE173 Wat's Dyke: Sections N & S of the Court

The above scheduled monuments are located inside 1km of the proposed development, but intervening topography, buildings and vegetation block all views between them. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the settings of these scheduled monuments.

Yours sincerely

Nick Segust
Case Officer
Historic Environment Services

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.