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PLANNING APPLICATION
VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2 AND
9 OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2019/0913 TO AMEND APPROVED PLANS
(PLOTS 6 AND 7).
LAND AT WALLED GARDEN WYNNSTAY HALL ESTATE RUABON WREXHAM
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Thank you for consulting the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust.

The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust has consistently objected to this underwhelming suburban development in the Grade I walled garden at Wynnstay.

This amended planning is for the housing scheme which is an act of planning vandalism of a rare and important heritage landscape - the only significant site by Capability Brown and Richard Wood in North Wales and the most significant Brown site in Wales.

The original enabling scheme 106 agreement in 2006 was for a very different development within the great walled garden in the grade I landscape. It was to be symmetrical and the design referenced the glasshouses once on the site.

By 2016 the lapsed agreement was revived with the quickly thrown up Watkin Manor next to Capability Brown's Temple Dairy. Nick Davies, the Cadw Inspector for buildings, was shocked when he saw it and it seems that Cadw was not involved in this degradation of the listed landscape. This was the beginning of the planning vandalism. Some of the original 18th century wall was destroyed and used as rubble for the Watkin Manor foundations. The replacement prefab brick wall panels are entirely inappropriate and this has never been rectified. An enabling scheme is not meant to harm the heritage asset it is intended to conserve.

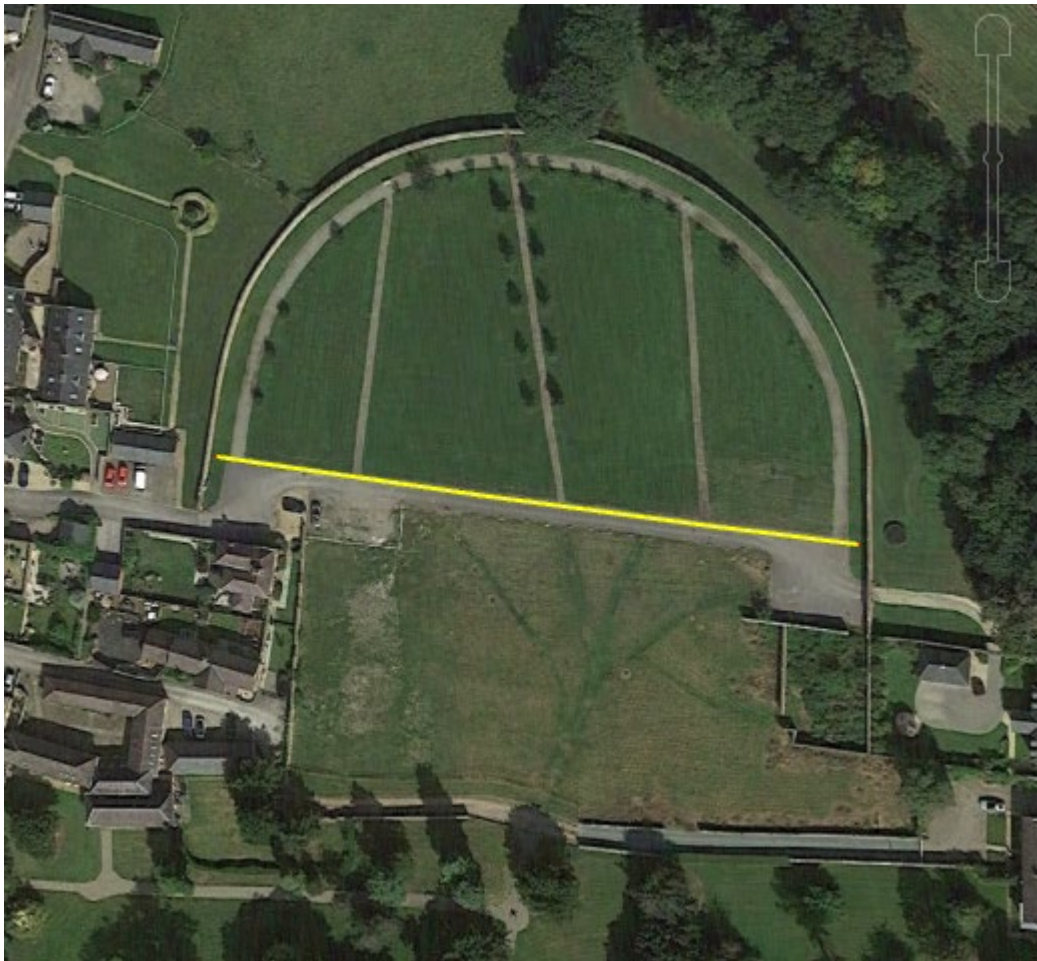
The current planning application for further amendments to the scheme just shows just how dire the poor the planning of this development has been from the start. These houses encroach into the great horseshoe walled garden for individual 'gardens' at rear. The great wall was supposed to be planted with heritage espaliers and espaliers planted along the paths. The fruit trees that have been planted are of no heritage interest - and the garden has not been restored.

The scheme on the plan link below shows just how bad this development is in terms of architecture and planning- lacking in symmetry and poor placing of garages. Plot 7 is particularly objectionable as it is sited in front of Temple Dairy - impacting the setting of the original eighteenth century architecture by Brown.

The development at Wynnstay is a prime example of an enabling development doing much more harm than good, showing how the original 106 agreement has been abandoned, and how over the years the Wrexham planning authority has entirely failed to conserve Welsh heritage for future generations.

The proposed amendments cannot rectify this ill-conceived scheme.

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