



Glandŵr Cymru
Canal & River Trust in Wales

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
16 Lord Street
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Your Ref P/2022/1080

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2023-39544
CRTR-PLAN-2023-37982

Monday 21 August 2023

Dear Gwyn Humphreys,

Proposal: Amended Plans - Construction of new access road, lorry park, weighbridge and building, car park, facilities block, roundwood storage areas, 132 KV Substation and ancillary works

Location: Kronospan Ltd, Holyhead Road, Chirk

Waterway: Llangollen Canal

Thank you for your consultation on the amended information.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 76 miles of canals in Wales. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of Wales. The Trust is known as Glandŵr Cymru, the Canal & River Trust in Wales and we are a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Glandŵr Cymru previously provided comments on this application in our letter dated Friday 27th January 2023 (our ref: CRTR-PLAN-2023-37982), we asked that the Council carefully considers the proposals in terms of the potential wider impact on the setting of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site (WHS) and its Outstanding Universal Value. We welcome that the Council has sought amended plans and details in relation to the proposed development. We would ask that the further comments below are read in conjunction with our previous comments.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)) is that the Trust has no **new concerns in relation to the development or its potential impact on the Llangollen Canal**.

We note from the submission that the applicant has been working with Cadw to try to address concerns in relation to the impact of the development on the setting of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site (WHS) and its Outstanding Universal Value. We defer to the advice of Cadw in terms of the wider world heritage site impacts. We would ask that the Council carefully considers these matters within the decision-making process to ensure that such development is fully justified within the WHS buffer zone.

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For us to monitor effectively our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice and the requirements of any planning obligation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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