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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application – Demolition of the existing reception building and the erection of a building to create a covered loading yard, new reception building, fences, gates and altered internal access, and ancillary works at Kronospan, Chirk

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 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

DE117 Castell y Waun Castle Mound

DE133 Offa's Dyke: Caeau-Gwynion Section

DE135 Offa's Dyke: Chirk Park Section extending NE from the Lake

DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

DE198 Offa's Dyke: Chirk Park Section extending 340m NE of Home Farm

DE288 The Holyhead Road: the Chirk Embankment and earlier trackways

Registered Parks and Gardens:

PGW(C)15(WRE) Brynkinalt

PGW(C)63(WRE) Chirk Castle

World Heritage Sites

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

The application is accompanied by a Heritage Desk-Based Assessment produced by Archaeology Wales which has considered the impact of the proposed development on the above designated historic assets and their settings. It has concluded that at worst it will have a slight adverse effect, which will not be significant. We concur with this conclusion.

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.