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Dear Sir / Madam,

Erection of a double garage and new boundary wall, Chain Bank, Castle Road, Chirk, Wrexham

Thank you for your letter inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

We consider that the application is inadequately documented and we recommend that additional information is required to enable a balanced decision to be taken against Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 24 Historic Environment and associated guidance. Full details of the additional information that is required are explained in the below assessment.

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

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments

DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

DE288 The Holyhead Road: the Chirk Embankment and earlier trackways

World Heritage Site

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

The western boundary of the application area and the eastern boundary of the World Heritage Site are contiguous and one of the proposed sets of gates at the entrance to the new drive is located on this line, whilst the proposed garage is located inside 3m of the boundary.

The application area is also located inside 31m of the boundary of scheduled monument DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal and will be visible from the Chirk Aqueduct and is also inside 200m of scheduled monument DE288 The

Mae Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

The Welsh Government Historic Environment Service (Cadw) promotes the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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Holyhead Road: the Chirk Embankment and earlier trackways and may be visible from it.

The proposed development may have an adverse impact on the settings of the world Heritage Site and the two scheduled monuments, which will be material considerations in the determination of this application (see Planning Policy Wales 2021, sections 6.1.22 and 6.1.23): However no information on these issues has been submitted with the application and therefore we are currently not in a position to provide you with advice. Consequently, your authority should request more information on these issues to be provided. This will require an assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the setting of the designated historic assets to be prepared by a competent and qualified historic environment expert in accordance with the methodology outlined in the Welsh Government's best-practice guidance Setting of Historic Assets in Wales (2017). Once this information has been submitted, Cadw should be reconsulted on this application.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Davies
Casework Manager

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.