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Dear Sir / Madam,

Erection of HGV workshop, A N Richards Haulage Yard, Newbridge Road, Pentre, Chirk

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

Advice

We have significant concerns about the impact on the scheduled monument and world heritage site listed in our assessment below. However, we consider that if mitigating measures were undertaken, our concerns about the impact would be reduced.

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

Assessment

A setting assessment prepared by Archaeology Wales has been submitted in support of this application. Whilst the terminology in this report fails to follow the methodology of the ICOMOS Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties that it states it meets, the report's conclusion is that without mitigation the proposed development will have a significant impact on the settings of scheduled monument DE140 Offa's Dyke: Section N & S of Tan-y-Cut and the World Heritage Site Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal.

The report suggests that this mitigation should take the form of the planting of trees on the northern boundary of the development area. However, no new landscaping

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

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plan has been submitted for this application showing that this planting has been incorporated into the proposed development. As such, as currently submitted, the proposed development will have a significant impact on the setting of scheduled monument DE140 and the World Heritage Site, which is contrary to sections 6.1.22 and 6.1.24 of Planning Policy Wales. Consequently, the applicant should be requested to submit a new landscaping and planting scheme that will provide sufficient mitigation to reduce the impact of the proposed development on the historic environment to an acceptable level.

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.