

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
16 Lord Street
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Your Ref P/2022/0038

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2022-35009

Thursday 3 February 2022

Dear Mr Greenland

Proposal: Erection of a double garage, decking to the south of the house, new gates to the end of each drive and a new boundary wall to the road within Chirk Conservation Area

Location: Chain Bank, Castle Road, Wrexham

Waterway: Llangollen Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 109 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.

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 **concerns** relating to the following issues:

Assessment of the potential heritage impacts

The Llangollen Canal passes to the west of the application site. The boundary of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site passes along the western boundary of the application site. The site itself is within the buffer zone. The canal corridor is Scheduled Ancient Monument. The canal corridor and application site also fall within the designated Chirk Conservation Area. The canal is within a tree lined cutting at this point, the grade II listed southern portal of the Chirk Tunnel and the line of the tunnel passes to the north-west.

Notwithstanding that the proposals relate to residential extensions/works, we would ask that the Council satisfies itself that the potential impacts on the above designations and listed assets have properly considered and assessed within the submission. Indeed, we note that no heritage assessment seems to have been submitted with the application.

Based on the submitted details we do not consider that the proposed works would have an adverse impact on the structural integrity of the canal infrastructure.

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We note that the Design & Access Statement makes reference to the removal of trees on both sides of the boundary, but this does not form part of this application. The applicant should be advised that the Canal & River Trust's ownership abuts part of the western site boundary. Any works on our land would require our separate approval and consent.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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