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Dear Sir / Madam,

Oriented strand board production facility. Kronospan Ltd, Chirk, LL14 5NT

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

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided with this planning application, we have no objections to the impact of the proposed development on the scheduled monument, world heritage site and registered historic parks and garden listed in our assessment of the application below.

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.

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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PPW ([Chapter 6 – The Historic Environment](#)) explains that the conservation of archaeological remains is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains, whether scheduled or not, and their settings 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 an adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance) or has a significantly damaging effect upon its setting. [Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that there is a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or which would have a significant impact on the setting of remains.

PPW also explains that local authorities should protect parks and gardens and their settings included in the first part of the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest 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.

Assessment

Scheduled Monument and World Heritage Site: Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal DE175

The western perimeter of the Kronospan site is formed by the Shrewsbury to Chester railway. The Llangollen Canal is located to the west of the railway line c.30m from the boundary of the site at its closest point.

The application area is in close proximity to the scheduled monument DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal. However in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development canal passes through a tunnel and a deep embankment which means that most views of the existing complex are blocked. If the proposed development will be visible it will be seen as part of the existing complex and any additional plumes of steam will also be viewed as part of the existing processes. As such in our opinion the proposed development will have a very slight adverse impact on the setting of the scheduled monument but this will not be significant.

The proposed development is not located inside the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site but is located in its' buffer zone. The buffer zone has been drawn around the World Heritage Site to allow historic, cultural and landscape elements which contribute to the authenticity and integrity of the Site and therefore to its' Outstanding Universal Value to be conserved.

The proposed buildings will be erected inside the existing Kronospan complex, which existed when the World Heritage Site was incorporated. Whilst it will add additional large buildings to the site they will not greatly increase the visual impact of the complex. In our opinion that the proposed development will only have a slight, but not significant, impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site.

Registered Park and Garden: Chirk Castle

The proposed buildings have potential to be visible from the registered historic parks and gardens eastern slopes as this are overlooks the factory complex including the intended location. Although the setting of the registered historic park and garden includes the open views beyond the boundary of the park the proposal will not interrupt significant designed views to the east and northeast. Where visible the proposed structures would be seen in combination with other pre-existing elements of the factory and as this already acts to compromise the wider setting of the park any cumulative effect of the proposals on setting are unlikely to have any more than an additional minor adverse impact which would not be considered significant.

Yours sincerely,

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