



**Bryniau Clwyd a
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Dear Kevin

PROPOSAL: Development of an Orientated Strand Board Production Facility.

LOCATION: Kronospan Ltd, Holyhead Road, Chirk, Wrexham, LL14 5NT

Thank you for consulting the AONB on this application. The following observations are submitted on behalf of the Joint Committee following consultation with the AONB Partnership Landscape and Built Environment Working Group and the Chair of the committee.

“Although outside the AONB, Kronospan and the adjoining industrial areas are clearly within the setting of the protected landscape and the nearby heritage assets of the World Heritage Site and Chirk Castle. The proposed development will be seen both from the AONB and from a number of vantage points outside where the higher ground of the AONB forms a backdrop to the view. However, although large in scale the current proposals will be seen in the context of the much larger existing Kronospan complex and the Joint Committee considers that the impact on the AONB will be no greater than at present. In this context, the Joint Committee has no observations to make on the application in principle but supports the conclusions of the recent colour study and proposed specification of Olive Green external cladding which is a more recessive colour which helps to set the buildings into the surrounding landscape. In addition, the committee would recommend that any permission should be conditional on implementation of the previously agreed Kronospan Landscape Strategy.”

I would be grateful if you could take account of the committee's views when deciding this application.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Hughes
For the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Joint Committee